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#### SUMMARY

Available information on the hail phenomenon affecting aircraft in flight has been examined. This paper attempts to coordinate the present knowledge of hail with the effect of hail on aircraft in flight and includes (1) a digest of the literature on the physical properties, the occurrence, and the formation of hail, (2) a survey of the hail effect on aircraft in flight from analyses of 57 cases of airplanes damaged by hail, (3) a résumé of hail information for the benefit of pilots, forecasters, and ground operational personnel, and (4) an annotated hail bibliography of 552 articles for use of research personnel.

#### INTRODUCTION

As larger and better aircraft are built, and the reliability of instrument-flying techniques is increased, more and more routine operational flights are made during adverse weather in which hail, turbulence, and other atmospheric phenomena are encountered. Flying in such adverse weather has caused the aviation interests to become alarmed at the major structural damage caused by even brief encounters with hail. Present-day transport and military airplanes are expensive pieces of equipment, and on occasion a 10- to 30-second encounter with hail has caused damage severe enough to warrant scrapping the airplane. The problem of avoiding hail areas and thus reducing the occurrences of hail damage involves methods of hail detection, elimination, and/or prediction.

Inasmuch as all of the available information concerning hail can be ascertained only by a study of voluminous literature and unpublished data from many different sources, a compilation of available information on hail is necessary for an adequate understanding of the problem. This paper has been prepared, therefore, to meet this need and includes a compilation of the literature on the physical properties, occurrence and formation of hail, a study of hail damage to airplanes, a resume of hail information for pilot and forecaster, and an annotated bibliography of 552 articles arranged chronologically by subject. The bibliography

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#### COMPILATION OF HAIL LITERATURE

This section presents information concerning hail phenomenon from the literature. In some cases the information is presented without comment, and no attempt is made to evaluate the reliability of one set of data over another set of data. The physical properties of hailstones are given with some comment as to the average properties of the stones as found on the ground. The frequency of occurrence of hailstorms is discussed. Theories concerning the formation of both hailstorms and hailstones are also covered.

#### PHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF HAILSTONES

#### Definitions

Although hail in its larger forms is readily identifiable, it becomes increasingly more difficult to identify in its smaller forms. Several of the hydrometeors that are similar to hail of the smaller variety are known as small hail, sleet, snow pellets, and snow grains. In order to identify hail from the other types of hydrometeors, the following definitions, normally used in the United States and given in reference 1 by the U.S. Weather Bureau, are used in the present paper:

"HAIL - Ice balls or stones, ranging in diameter from that of mediumsize raindrops to an inch or more. They may fall detached or frozen together into irregular, lumpy masses. They are composed either of clear ice or of alternating clear and opaque snowflake layers. Hail often accompanies thunderstorm activity. Surface temperatures are usually above freezing when hail occurs. Determination of size will be based on the diameter, in inches, of normally shaped hailstones."

The present paper is primarily concerned with this type of hail.

"SMALL HAIL - Semitransparent, round or conical, grains of frozen water. Each grain generally consists of a smaller grain of soft hail as a nucleus, surrounded by a very thin ice layer, which gives it a glazed appearance. The grains are wet when they fall at temperatures above freezing. They are not crisp or easily compressible, and do not generally rebound or burst even when they strike hard ground."

"SLEET (ICE PELLETS) - Transparent, more or less globular, hard grains of ice about the size of raindrops, that rebound when striking hard surfaces. Its fall may be continuous, intermittent, or showery."

"SNOW GRAINS (GRANULAR SNOW) - The solid equivalent of drizzle. They take the form of minute, branched, star-like snowflakes, or of very fine simple crystals. At times they have the appearance of rime. They occur under meteorological conditions similar to those of drizzle, except that the temperature is lower."

"SNOW PELLETS (SOFT HAIL) - White, opaque, round or occasionally conical kernels of snow-like consistency, 1/16 to 1/4 inch in diameter. They are crisp and easily compressible, and may rebound or burst when striking hard surfaces. They occur almost exclusively in showers."

In the preceding definitions of hail and small hail no clear line of demarcation between the two is given. References 2 and 3 indicate that there is a discrepancy in the definition of small hail. Reference 2 gives the demarcation as 0.2 inch in diameter whereas reference 3 does not include the small-hail classification.

#### Composition

Although the usual hailstone consists of alternate layers of clear and opaque ice, with as many as 20 to 25 concentric layers, hailstones have been observed which were composed entirely of either clear ice or opaque ice. Some hailstones with the usual alternate shells of clear and opaque ice have a core of supercooled liquid water. A core containing an air bubble has occasionally been observed, but this type is rare. Because of the wide variance in the composition of the hailstones, no definite appearance of hailstones can be assured, although within a single hailstorm the composition of the stones varies only slightly. Hailstones may have a variety of extraneous matter contained in them; muddy and black hailstones have been reliably reported.

During the 1950 hail season at Denver, H. T. Harrison, Jr., manager of Weather Service for United Air Lines, Inc., analyzed the structure of

| a few o | f the | stone  | s which | fell  | during   | a   | storm  | on | ${\tt September}$ | 16th. | The |
|---------|-------|--------|---------|-------|----------|-----|--------|----|-------------------|-------|-----|
| results | of t  | his an | alysis  | are p | resented | L 1 | celow: |    |                   |       |     |

| Size                                 | Number        |                            | Number of samples |   |        |   |         |   |          |           |    |  |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|-------------------|---|--------|---|---------|---|----------|-----------|----|--|
| (diam.)<br>(in.)                     | of<br>samples | of Type of core            |                   |   | N<br>5 |   | er<br>7 | _ | lay<br>9 | ers<br>10 | 11 |  |
| 7<br>8<br>1                          | 9             | 9 opaque                   | 2                 | 0 | 2      | 0 | 3       | 0 | 1        | 0         | 1  |  |
| 1                                    | 10            | 5 opaque, 3 clear, 2 mixed | 2                 | 2 | 3      | 1 | 0       | 1 | 1        | 0         | 0  |  |
| 1 <u>1</u>                           | 6             | 5 opaque, 1 clear          | 0                 | 1 | 3      | 0 | 1       | 1 | 0        | 0         | 0  |  |
| 1 <u>1</u><br>16<br>1 <u>1</u><br>14 | 2             | l opaque, l clear          | 0                 | 0 | 0,     | 1 | 1       | 0 | 0        | 0         | 0  |  |
| Total                                | 27            |                            | 4                 | 3 | 8      | 2 | 5       | 2 | 2        | 0         | 1  |  |

<sup>a</sup>Nineteen of the 20 stones with an opaque core had an odd number of layers, whereas the 5 stones with a clear core all had an even number of layers.

#### Specific Gravity (Density)

Since a hailstone may be composed entirely of clear or opaque ice, the limits of its specific gravity are between 0.25 and 0.92. Little information concerning the actual specific gravity of hailstones is available; therefore, various sources have been used in the present paper to determine a representative value. The specific gravity of ice formed on airplanes has been found to range from 0.70 to 0.85. Reference 4 gives the specific gravity of ice collected at Mt. Washington as ranging from 0.45 to 0.92. In theoretical papers on hail in which an exact expression is required for calculations, specific gravities between 0.6 and 0.8 have been chosen. From a consideration of these values, the average specific gravity is evidently close to 0.7, and this value has been used when necessary in calculations presented in this paper. Inasmuch as density and specific gravity are numerically equal in the metric system, specific gravity has been used herein as specific gravity has a further advantage of being dimensionless.

#### Shape

Most hailstones have one of the following three shapes: spherical, conical, or discoidal. The spherical shape is by far the most common, especially when the hail is small. Some hailstones have also been observed in the shape of spheroids, pyramids, dumbbells, and so forth,

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or as jagged, irregular lumps of ice. Furthermore, large hailstones of any shape may have many irregularities and protuberances. Numerous accounts of hailstones of unusual appearances can be found in the Monthly Weather Review issues of the first three decades of the present century.

Figure 1 is presented as an example of some of the typical forms that hailstones may take. Figure 1(a) is a reproduction of a photograph which appears in reference 5. These stones fell at Washington, D. C., on April 28, 1938. The conical shape is readily discernible. The stones of figure 1(b) fell at Potter, Nebraska, on July 6, 1928, and are reproduced from reference 6. The stone on the extreme left had the appearance of being formed by the amalgamation of two smaller stones. The stones shown in figure 1(c) fell in Czechoslovakia on June 13, 1946. This photograph is reproduced from an unpublished manuscript by Dr. Helmut Weickmann. The stones in the lower right corner of the photograph appear to be composed of one or two alternating layers of clear and opaque ice. The alternating layers in these stones are thicker and therefore more noticeable than in the usual stone.

#### Size

With a few exceptions, there have been no systematic observational programs for determining hailstone sizes. Although many reports have been published describing the size of the largest hailstones, the structure of hail, the amount of crop loss due to hail, and so forth, very little has been written on the hail size distribution within hailstorms. Observers tend to report the largest and moderate sizes of hail but fail to record the smaller sizes; therefore, the average compiled from these reports may be larger than is actually the case.

The most common sizes of hailstones measured on the ground at various regions have been analyzed by Eliot (India), Ruby (France), Hann and Süring (Central Europe), and Humphreys (United States), and have been found to be (reference 7):

| Region   | Most common size (diam.)                            |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|--|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| inegron  | (in.)   | (cm)   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| India<br>France<br>Central Europe<br>United States | 0.2 to 1.2<br>0.2 to 0.8<br>Up to 1.2<br>0.5 to 0.7 | 0.6 to 3.0<br>0.5 to 2.0<br>Up to 2.0 or 3.0<br>1.2 to 1.8 |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Eliot's study of 597 hailstorms in India gives the following indication of hail size frequency:

| Hail size                            | Hail size (diam.)                    |                     |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| (in.)                                | (cm)                                 | Frequency (percent) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Up to 0.2<br>0.2 to 1.2<br>Above 1.2 | Up to 0.6<br>0.6 to 3.0<br>Above 3.0 | 27<br>51<br>22      |  |  |  |  |  |  |

After a study of 7 years' records, 1931 to 1937, United Air Lines, Inc. (reference 8) found that hailstones of walnut size (1 in.) or larger occur in about 1 out of 800 thunderstorms in the area between Chicago and Denver. The frequency of hail half this size is several times greater. During the period studied, there were 136 storms in the United States which produced hailstones 1 inch or larger; of these stones, 50 percent were 1 to 2 inches, 40 percent were 2 to 3 inches, and 10 percent were 3 inches or larger.

Accounts of storms of large hailstones are scattered throughout the literature. Apparently, the largest hailstones ever recorded in the United States are those which fell at Potter, Nebraska on July 6, 1928 (reference 6). Several of these stones are shown in figure 1(b), the largest stone being on the right. This stone measured 5.4 inches in diameter and weighed 1.5 pounds.

Hailstone size in relation to weight (spherical shape assumed) is shown in the following table:

| Hail<br>(dia                                  |   | Weight (specific gravity 0.7)                       |   |  |  |  |
|---|---|---|---|--|--|--|
| (in.)   | (cm)  | (lb)  | (g)   |  |  |  |
| 0.5<br>1.0<br>2.0<br>3.0<br>4.0<br>5.0<br>6.0 | 1.27<br>2.54<br>5.08<br>7.62<br>10.16<br>12.70<br>15.24 | 0.0017<br>.103<br>.11<br>.36<br>.85<br>1.66<br>2.86 | 0.75<br>6.01<br>48.05<br>162.17<br>384.4<br>750.8<br>1297.0 |  |  |  |

#### Temperature

Inasmuch as the temperature of hailstones at the altitude of formation has not been determined because of measurement difficulties, other means must be used to estimate the probable temperatures. Temperatures inside hailstones, determined immediately after the stones strike the ground, have been found to be at, or less than,  $0^{\circ}$  C, and often between  $-5^{\circ}$  C and  $-15^{\circ}$  C. If the average atmospheric temperature aloft during hailstorms is considered, the temperature of hailstones at altitudes from 10,000 to 20,000 feet should generally be between the limits of  $0^{\circ}$  C and  $-20^{\circ}$  C, although in some instances and at higher altitudes the temperature of the stones may temporarily be lower than  $-20^{\circ}$  C.

#### OCCURRENCE OF HAILSTORMS

The climatology of hail is an important phase of the subject, since the knowledge of where and when hail occurs has a direct bearing on the effect of hail on airplane operation. This section discusses the occurence of hailstorms in respect to local ground, geographical, hourly, seasonal, and vertical distributions of hail and, also, the duration of hailfall.

#### Local Ground Distribution

In agricultural areas where crops are damaged by hail, an observer may analyze the local ground distribution of particular hailstorms. Using this method, several investigators have studied the hail pattern on the ground; however, the instantaneous pattern on the ground or aloft has never been thoroughly investigated. Since the hailstorm nearly always has a movement with respect to the ground, the hail pattern produced on the surface has a length proportional to the speed of the storm and to the length of time the hail falls. On the other hand, the width of the hail area as seen on the ground is a direct measure of an instantaneous storm area.

Several studies of the local ground distribution of hailstorms have been made. Frank J. Phillips (reference 7), after studying the areas of hailstorms in Missouri, stated that hail appears in narrow bands ranging from 2 to 400 feet in width and up to a half mile or more in length. This study was a detailed one of only a few storms. Prohaska (reference 7) made a study of 113 European hailstorms having a length of 12.5 miles or more and found that the most common width ranged from 5 to 6 miles. Bühler (reference 9) found from a study of damaging hailstorms at Württemberg over a 60-year period (1828 to 1887) that the smallest area damaged was 6 square miles and the greatest, 124 square miles.

The most complete study of hail areas to date was made by Hoyt Lemons (reference 10). This study included 2105 hailstorms that occurred in the United States over a 14-year period (1926 to 1939). The most common width was found to be 1 to 2 miles; however, the width varied considerably and ranged from a few yards to 75 miles. Figure 2 shows the results of Lemons' study of hailstorm widths.

Because of the restricted nature of the analyses made by Phillips, Prohaska, and Bühler, and because of the greater number of storms studied by Lemons, the latter's data seem to be the most representative.

#### Geographical Distribution

Although the occurence of hail is generally associated with the occurrence of thunderstorms, the geographical distributions of the two are not the same. In general, the world-wide pattern of hail occurrence seems to be characterized by greater frequency in the "continental interiors of middle latitudes, diminishing seaward, equatorward and poleward" (reference 11). In order to provide the material for a detailed comparison of the thunderstorm and hail distribution patterns in the United States, the Weather Bureau evaluated 40 years of records (1904 to 1943) from 217 first-order stations. The results of this analysis are given in reference 12. Charts are included showing the average number of days with hail compared with days with thunderstorms, annually and monthly. These hail distribution charts include the "small hail" of the West Coast and, as a result, produce a rather significant looking maximum in that region, especially in the Pacific Northwest. Figures 3(a) and 3(b) show the average yearly distributions of hail and thunderstorms, respectively, over the United States. Figure 3(a), which does not include the Pacific Coast small hail, is taken from reference 13. (The small hail is of little concern to aviation operation.) Figure 3(b) is taken from reference 12.

The following table is given to show the greater frequency of hail in the United States and the decreased frequency northward, southward, and seaward:

| Location  | Mean annual frequency of hail days |  |  |  |  |  |
|-----------|------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Galveston | · · 0.9                            |  |  |  |  |  |
| New York  | 1.0                                |  |  |  |  |  |
| Milwaukee | 2.0                                |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cheyenne  | 9.4                                |  |  |  |  |  |

Lemons (reference 11) also made a comprehensive study of hail occurrence in low and high latitudes where there has been a lack of observational data. In very low latitudes hail is infrequent; however, at some subtropical localities the frequency of hail is as great as at middle latitudes, although usually smaller in size. Hail occurs more frequently and is more destructive at the higher ground elevations in low latitudes. In high latitudes hail may occur at both high and low elevations and, in many cases, the so-called hailstones are actually snow pellets. Hail at high latitudes is usually associated with frontal rather than thermal thunderstorms. The size of the stones is generally small and, because of the small concentration of people and crops, hail is of little consequence economically.

In the middle latitudes, which include the United States, appreciable data are available from crop damage. The magnitude of the annual hail damage can be realized from the following estimate of damage to three of the 1947 crops in the United States:

| Crop    | Damage        |  |  |  |  |
|---------|---------------|--|--|--|--|
| Wheat   | \$118,617,000 |  |  |  |  |
| Corn    | 85,996,000    |  |  |  |  |
| Tobacco | 20,470,000    |  |  |  |  |

Statistics released by the Crop-Hail Insurance Actuarial Association of Chicago, based on claims for losses inflicted by hail (reference 14), are are in reasonable agreement with the U.S. Weather Bureau maps of hail distribution (fig. 3(a)). Figure 4, which shows the 1950 crop-hail insurance rates (50 percent of which are used in paying claims), is based on these statistics. This figure is published here through the courtesy of the Crop-Hail Insurance Actuarial Association. When the insurance data are compared with the Weather Bureau statistics, discrepancies are found in certain small sections of the country. Several factors lead to these minor discrepancies, the chief of which is the difference in the methods of observations. The Weather Bureau statistics are based only on reported hailstorms at first-order stations, damage notwithstanding, whereas the Crop-Hail statistics take into account only those hailstorms which cause damage to crops and for which losses are claimed.

Another important consideration in determining the actual distribution of hail is the ratio of area to point frequency of hail occurrence. Although present statistics are based on point frequencies, it appears that area frequency would be more accurate. Alfred Angot (reference 9) of the French Meteorological Service estimated that an ideal reporting network for obtaining realistic area frequencies of hail should be one station for each 4 square miles. Nothing approaching such

a network, however, has ever been established. A. L. Shands (reference 15) of the U.S. Weather Bureau worked out a theoretical ratio of area to point frequency for the state of Iowa by using a network of 150 cooperative weather bureau stations. Results indicated a ratio of 15 to 1, which means that, if average point frequency of hail in Iowa is 4 days a year, hail should be found somewhere in the state about 60 days per year. During 1949, United Air Lines (reference 16) made a study of hailstorms in the Denver area. A total of 11 observation points in this area were used and the results were compared with the observational data released by the Weather Bureau station at Denver. During this period, 33 hailstorms were reported from the United Air Lines observational network, and the comparison gave an 11 to 1 ratio of area frequency to point frequency. Further observations with twice as many reporting points in the network were made in the Denver area during the 1950 hail season; however, the results are not yet available.

Shands also points out that when a single station in Iowa observes hail on only 1 day out of 12 days during which thunderstorms occur, the ratio builds up to almost 1 to 2 when the occurrence of hail over the state is compared with the occurrence of thunderstorms over the state. This ratio is comparable to the hail-thunderstorm ratio of 1 to 14 which was observed at the Denver Weather Bureau station during the 1949 hail season and the ratio of 1 to 1.3 reported by the United Air Lines observational network in the Denver area.

Although the Weather Bureau and the Crop-Hail Association present the most reliable statistics available on the distribution of hail in the United States, these statistics must be applied with discretion because of the limitations of the data upon which these statistics are based. Available information on the ratio of area to point frequency further substantiates the fact that hail distribution charts are good for comparison purposes but should not be used specifically for any one area.

#### Hourly Distribution

It is generally agreed that 50 percent of all hailstorms occur between 1400 and 1800 LST (local standard time) and less than 10 percent, between midnight and noon.

In 1944, United Air Lines (reference 17) reported that in the central and eastern United States large hail falls mainly in showers between 1200 and 2100 LST and is especially frequent between 1500 and 1800 LST. During the 1949 study of hailstorms in the Denver area (reference 16), the average time of occurrence in May was found to be 1300 LST but shifted to 1430 LST by September.

Lemons (reference 10) in a study of the hourly distribution of 2355 hailstorms in the United States over a 14-year period (1924 to 1939) has reported that one-third of all hailstorms that damaged crops occurred between 1600 and 1800 LST and two-thirds, between 1300 and 1900 LST. Figure 5, showing the hourly distribution of damaging hailstorms, is taken from reference 10.

#### Seasonal Distribution

Hail in the United States is generally a warm-season phenomenon, occurring chiefly in the spring and summer (reference 12 and 18). The country may be divided into three regions of hail occurrence:
(1) the East and South, including the Gulf States, (2) the Interior from the Ohio Valley westward, including the Great Plains and the Rocky Mountains, and (3) the Pacific Coast area.

Early in January the light hail area begins in the South and gradually spreads northward. Most of the East and South have some hail from mid-March to mid-June, then there is a gradual waning of activity, especially in the coastal areas. A hail-free area appears along the Texas coast early in the year. This area moves northward and eastward until most of the inland area is free of hail by mid-October; however, some small areas with rugged terrain continue to have hail after October.

The Interior is characterized by a warm-season northward development and spread of hail activity. Beginning in February the hail area starts a northward and eastward movement from the southern Plain States until late in April, then it spreads north-westward over the Plains and Rockies until late June. By late September, southward recession and lessening intensity is evident. Early in October a hail-free area appears in Montana. This area begins a southward movement, fanning out in the north, until by early January it extends from Canada to Mexico.

Hail in the Pacific Coast area is chiefly a cool-season phenomenon. Even in the winter the frequency of real hail is low. Most of the hail in the West Coast States is small hail and does little damage.

Figures 6(a) and 6(b), respectively, show the months of maximum hailstorm and thunderstorm frequencies in various sections of the United States. From a comparison of the two figures it can be seen that in most sections the month of maximum frequency of hail is earlier than the month of maximum frequency of thunderstorms. These two figures were taken from reference 12, although figure 6(a) was modified slightly in order to eliminate some of the very small monthly hail variations in the \*northeast.

#### Vertical Distribution

Very little data are available on the vertical distribution of hail aloft. The Thunderstorm Project (reference 19), although not carried out in the areas of maximum hail occurrence, has shed some light on the subject. During 551 cloud traverses by airplanes in thunderstorms and potential thunderstorms over Florida in 1946, hail was reported in 22 cases, or 4 percent of the traverses. In Ohio in 1947, 812 cloud traverses were made through thunderstorms and hail was reported on 51 occasions, or 6 percent. In almost all of the cases where hail was encountered, the stage of development of the cloud could not be classified. Table I, taken from reference 19, gives a detailed breakdown of the hail intensities and the flight altitudes at which hail was encountered in Florida and Ohio.

Hail was encountered most often at 16,000 feet over Florida, and at 10,000 feet over Ohio. It appears that the region of hail in any storm and the duration of hail in that region are relatively small. When hail was present in a cloud, it was found in only 25 percent or less of the traverses through the storm at the level of its occurrence. Seldom was hail found at more than one or two levels in the same storm. It therefore appears that hail occurs in very narrow bands within thunderstorm clouds and occurs less frequently above 20,000 feet.

#### Duration of Hailfall

Most authors seem to be rather reluctant to commit themselves on the duration of hailfall, and when a commitment is made the phraseology is ambigious; wording such as "less than an hour" and "a few minutes" is typical. Phillips (reference 7) found that the most common duration of hailstorms in Missouri was only "several minutes". Eliot (reference 7), who considered a large number of hailstorms in India, concluded that in most cases hail lasted 30 minutes or less.

Although frequently hailstorms are reported for periods much longer than 15 minutes, the average duration of a hailstorm in the United States is about 15 minutes at any particular point. Figure 7, taken from reference 20, shows hail 2 feet deep which fell at Trinidad, Colorado, on June 14, 1937. It is highly improbable that this large amount of hail could fall in a period as short as 15 minutes, since it is roughly equivalent to 12 inches of rainfall. Numerious reports of hail a foot or more deep are also available.

#### FORMATION OF HAIL

Theories on the formation of thunderstorms (potential hail-producing storms) are few in number, rather well-developed, and in basic agreement. The situation in regard to theories on formation of hailstones is quite different. Many theories exist postulating different physical processes, but no one theory has been found to be completely satisfactory. The purpose of this section is to give an account of some of these theories on hailstorm and hailstone formation.

#### Hailstorm Development

Hailstones fall almost exclusively from convective-type clouds, although hail does not fall from all thunderstorms. The mechanism by which thunderstorms develop has been well-established, and numerous references describing this mechanism are available in textbooks and elsewhere. The most complete and recent report on thunderstorms is reference 19. Although the mechanics of thunderstorms has been established, the problem as to which thunderstorms produce hail is known in only the broader sense. In general, the more violent storms produce hail.

Detailed surface and upper air information is necessary to understand the cause of these storms. The chief factor involves atmospheric instability, a thermodynamic condition in which vertical currents, once induced, are favored and accelerated. The degree of instability and the vertical extent determine the magnitude of the vertical currents; heating and frontal or orographic lifting initiate these currents. As the air ascends it cools adiabatically and, if sufficient moisture is present, it condenses and forms clouds. With additional lifting, precipitation develops. In most cases the precipitation does not develop until the top of the cloud extends at least above the freezing level. The life cycle of the thunderstorm cell may be divided into three phases: the building, the mature, and the dissipating stages. It is thought by many that hail, if present, occurs late in the building stage or early in the mature stage.

#### Theories of Hailstone Development

Although numerous theories are available concerning the formation of hailstones, most theories are limited to an explanation of only a particular method of hail formation. William Ferrell in 1885 theorized that whirlwinds of tornadic character could form and hold heavy hailstones in the air until their final fall to the ground. Bigelow later contradicted this theory, as it did not explain how the centrifugal force of the hailstone could be counteracted in the tornado. Both Hann and Kassner have

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proposed theories for the formation of hailstones. Hann suggested that they are formed by the explosion of larger spherical stones, whereas Kassner suggested that small precipitation particles of ice grow conical by accretion of supercooled cloud droplets on their bases. (See reference 21.)

Formation in ascending currents.— "Elementary Meteorology" (reference 22), published in 1894, included much general information on thunderstorms and hail. Davis suggested that hail is produced in active convectional storms by the freezing of raindrops that have been formed at low levels and carried upward by the central ascending currents to altitudes of very low temperature; the frozen raindrops, becoming coated with a layer of snow, increase in size until they fall through the less active currents. This process may be repeated several times. Humphreys (reference 23) supports this theory and has made it the most widely accepted theory of hail formation.

Knowing the drag of a sphere of a given size, Humphreys (reference 24) computed the magnitude of the vertical velocity necessary to sustain hailstones (specific gravity 0.7) of the same size, as follows:

| Diameter of hailstone (in.) | Velocity necessary to sustain (m/sec) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| 1                           | 25                                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2                           | 35                                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3                           | 49                                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4                           | 83                                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |

The velocities given in the table appear reasonable, especially those which sustain the smaller hailstones. Grimminger (reference 25) carried the analysis of Humphreys further by taking into account the effect of turbulence in the air stream. (This so-called fine-grain turbulence is not the large-scale turbulence usually considered by meteorologists.) The drag of a sphere is partially affected by the intensity of the fine-grain turbulence. Grimminger calculated that, with a great amount of turbulence, the speed of the upward current necessary to sustain the hailstone is roughly double the speed under normal conditions.

Some theoretical work has been done to determine the upper limits of hailstone size. E. G. Bilham and E. F. Relf (reference 26) based their investigation on aerodynamic considerations of the drag of a sphere in vertical currents. The relation between the terminal vertical velocity and hail diameter was deduced from the values of the drag coefficient (obtained from observations on spheres towed by airplanes) and a plot of the data resulted in an S-shaped curve which indicated that, as the

terminal velocity increases, the hail diameter increases, decreases, and then increases again. (This S-shaped curve results from the sharp change in the drag coefficient of a sphere at a Reynolds number near 350,000.) Since the second part of the S-curve represents unstable conditions and since the third part would require vertical velocities above practical limits, it was determined that the first part of the curve represented the true theoretical range in the relationship between terminal velocity and hail diameter. The theoretical upper limit of hailstone size in vertical currents was found to be about 5 inches in diameter and the maximum weight, about 1.5 pounds. This upper limit is in good agreement with the size of the largest stones found on the ground.

Formation during descent only.— In 1938 T. E. W. Schumann (reference 27) pointed out that, although vertical currents aid the formation of hailstones, it is not necessary that they be of sufficient magnitudes to lift the hailstones during formation or even to suspend them. Once a solid core is formed to which other cloud droplets or raindrops may adhere, such a particle accumulates ice on descent. The amount of ice accumulated is dependent on the length of fall (time) and the liquid water content of the air. For example, Schumann has calculated that, with a vertical wind velocity of only 8 meters per second and a concentration of water of 13 grams per cubic meter, a hailstone 3.2 inches in diameter (specific gravity 0.6) can be formed in falling from 29,500 to 13,000 feet (9 to 4 km). Schumann points out that, although a water concentration of 13 grams per cubic meter is above average, it is not uncommon.

E. Gaviola and F. Alsina Fuertes (reference 21) also are of the opinion that upward currents are not a necessity in the formation of hailstones. These authors assumed that hailstones form initially from cloud particles of supercooled water droplets and ice or snow crystals. After initial formation a hailstone can grow, while falling only, by successive wetting and solidifying as it collides with other cloud particles. initial stone, while it is wet, grows by accretion of snowflakes, but it soon becomes solid because the liquid phase gives up its latent heat to bring the temperature of the snowflakes up to 0° C. Once the hailstone is solid, no more snowflakes adhere to it; it now has to collide with supercooled water droplets to become wet again. When the hailstone becomes wet, a clear ice layer is formed, which grows as long as colliding supercooled droplets predominate over ice and snow crystals. When the hailstone again becomes solid, an opaque layer forms. The alternating layers of the hailstone are thus produced. By assuming an absolute humidity of 10 grams per cubic meter, the authors made calculations which show that a hailstone would take about 5 minutes to fall from 26,000 to 13,000 feet (8 to 4 km) through an atmosphere at rest, and would grow into a 2-inch hailstone.

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Formation in convectional vortex rings .- Robert E. Horton (reference 28) has indicated that hail may form in convectional vortex rings. The moisture within the vortex ring has a circular movement around the ring, such that ascending and descending currents of moist air result. No explanation, however, is given of the manner in which accretion occurs when hailstones grow in size or of the temperature of the hailstones relative to the surrounding air. It is assumed that the hailstones form a clear ice layer on ascent and an opaque layer on descent. Atmospheric vortex-ring cloud systems occur in conjunction with violent convection storms and, when these systems occur, the ascending moist air is concentrated within the vortex rings. Conditions favorable for the formation of these convectional vortex rings are also shown to be favorable for the production of hailstones. The vortex-ring condition produces hailstones of uniform size and layers and has sufficient ascent velocity to sustain large hailstones. The vortex-ring clouds are likely to produce large hailstones, whereas the tubular-type clouds are likely to produce hailstones of various forms, sizes, and different internal structures, but generally of a small size.

Formation similar to icing on aircraft. Dr. Helmut Weickmann\* has developed theories on the formation of hailstones based on icing research experiments conducted in Germany during World War II. The original experiments were conducted to investigate the meteorological conditions associated with ice formation on aircraft; in later years Dr. Weickmann used the same data to arrive at his theories on hail formation.

Weickmann proposes the theory that opaque ice may result from two different processes: first, by individual crystallization of cloud droplets at the surface of the falling hailstone, and second, by air bubbles becoming imbedded in water which freezes quickly. The essential condition for the formation of clear ice involves the freezing process which must progress slowly enough to allow coagulation of the deposited droplets before freezing. Since the rate of crystallization is slow near 0°C and increases with decreasing temperature, the formation of clear ice near 0°C and the formation of opaque ice at lower temperatures can be expected. With a high liquid-water content in the clouds, however, the rate of crystallization may be slow even at low temperatures.

The apparatus used in the aircraft-icing research conducted by Dr. Weickmann is shown in figure 8. Figures 9, 10, and 11 indicate typical samples of ice collected during the course of this investigation. The

<sup>\*</sup>Dr. Weickmann is now employed by the U.S. Army Signal Corps at the Evans Electronics Laboratory, Belmar, New Jersey. During 1950 he revised and translated into English his original paper on "The Formation of Hailstones" and has kindly sent a copy of the revised paper to the authors.

hailstones of figure 1(a) show a similarity to the ice deposits of figures 9 and 10, in that they both have a conical shape and an opaque appearance. Similarity is also noted between the hailstones of figure 1(c) and the ice of figure 11; both have wart-like irregularities and a predominance of clear ice. The clear-ice appearance is caused by the exceedingly slow rate of crystallization which allowed the cloud droplets to coagulate before freezing occurred; the slow rate of crystallization is a result of the high moisture content and near-freezing temperature.

Contribution from nucleation experiments.— It has been ascertained experimentally that a cloud containing water droplets of below-freezing temperature can be converted into an ice-crystal cloud by the addition of either dry-ice pellets or silver-iodide crystals to the cloud. Project CIRRUS, headed by Drs. Irving Langmuir and Vincent Schaefer and sponsored by the Armed Services, has been conducting basic research on cloud physics since 1947. References 29 to 36 include most of the work done on this project pertinent to the hail problem.

Dr. Langmuir, Dr. Schaefer, and others believe that destructive hailstones form in certain thunderstorms when a minimum of sublimation nuclei is present. Preliminary data show that the number of sublimation nuclei in the atmosphere is extremely variable - from 100 to 1,000,000 per cubic meter. Future experimental investigations may prove the theory that destructive hailstones (over  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch in diameter) form only in clouds where the nuclei count is low, say below 5,000, whereas seeding of these clouds to obtain only rain might require a higher count, 20,000 or more. (The numbers of nuclei given here are for quantitative comparison only.) If this theory can be proved, it would be comparatively easy to increase the nuclei in potentially dangerous hail areas to an amount which would eliminate destructive hail and still not cause abnormal rain.

A cloud-seeding project (reference 37) has been in operation in the Rogue River Valley section of southwestern Oregon since May 1949. (The techniques used in this project are similar to those advocated by the personnel of Project CIRRUS.) Hail is reported to have damaged up to one-half the fruit crops in the Rogue River Valley in each of the 38 years previous to 1949, with one exception. So far as is known, hail has not fallen on the project area since the project has been active.

The operators of this project, Messrs. Harvey Brandau and Eugene Kooser, believe, as do Drs. Langmuir and Schaefer, that the greater the number of ice crystals within clouds, whether naturally or artificially formed, the less chance there is of hail forming. The "overseeding" method, consequently, is used in this project. The nature of the seeding material and the method of application to the cloud has not been released as yet. The investigators agree with others that hail is formed during

the formative and transition stages of a thunderstorm's development and in the portions of supercooled clouds having temperatures between -5°C and -39°C, regardless of the altitude of occurrence.

Other theories. F. H. Ludlam (reference 38) calculates the conditions of growth of a hailstone by the process of accretion on the basis of its heat budget. The coagulation process gives the growing ice particle a coat of supercooled water which commences to freeze at the ice surface. A rise of temperature occurs as the latent heat of fusion is liberated, and the temperature at the ice surface and within the liquid film tends to rise to 0°C. This particle, however, loses heat to the environment both by conduction and evaporation; the rate of growth is then dependent upon the rate at which this heat loss can proceed. According to Ludlam, this explanation is also true for larger ice particles even at temperatures as low as -20° or -30°C. The presence of alternate layers of clear and opaque ice in the hailstone is considered to be the result of successive passages of the hailstone through critical conditions caused by changes in radius, falling speed, temperature, pressure, and liquid water content in the cloud.

Dr. E. J. Workman (reference 39) has for a number of years been investigating thunderstorm electrification. Although no theory on the formation of hail is made by Dr. Workman, he associates the formation of hail with the lightning phenomenon. During laboratory experiments, it was determined that a charge is generated as water, which contains a slight amount of contaminants, freezes. The sign and magnitude of this charge is determined by the nature and amount of contaminant present. This electrical effect occurs only during the freezing process. Applying these experiments to thunderstorms, Dr. Workman theorizes that the electricity of the thunderstorm is generated during the formation of hailstones. Assumption of this mechanism for the production of thunderstorm electricity suggests possibilities for the control of lightning discharges.

Concluding remarks.— From the foregoing description of hailformation theories, it can be seen that most of the theories start with
certain basic assumptions and then are developed with emphasis on a
particular phase of the hail-formation process. Points of similarity
include (1) vertical currents, (2) temperature variations, (3) hailstone
layer formation, and (4) time or path length requirements. Although
Schumann, Gaviola, and Alsina Fuertes emphasize hail formation on descent
only, they do not deny that hail may also form in ascending currents and
consider that small upward currents retard the fall of the stone.
Although Horton described in detail the vortex-ring type of hailstorm,
which includes both ascending and descending currents, he also believes
that the tubular-convection type of hailstorm occurs by the ascendingcurrent method presented by Humphreys. Gaviola, Alsina Fuertes, Ludlam,
and Weickmann show much similarity on the formation of opaque and clear
ice layers.

# SURVEY OF HAIL PHENOMENON WITH RESPECT TO AIRCRAFT OPERATION

With the growth of aviation, the problems that have arisen from aircraft encountering hail during routine flights have become more and more significant. These hail encounters can cause severe damage to aircraft, in some cases as high as \$25,000 per encounter. Nearly all external components of the aircraft, especially the nose section and the leading edges of the wing and tail, are subject to damage. In the early days of aviation, instrument flying was not a common practice; however, now that more and better instruments are installed in aircraft, pilots are not averse to fly for an appreciable time through cloud formations and to land with weather conditions below contact minimums. As a result, aircraft are encountering more frequently thunderstorms in which hail falls. This section deals with the resultant hail damage to aircraft and possible means of eliminating such damage.

#### EXTENT OF HAIL DAMAGE TO AIRPLANES

The search for information on hail damage to airplanes has revealed that very few articles have been published on the subject, but that appreciable information is scattered among the operational, maintenance, and safety records of the airlines, the U.S. Air Force, and other agencies. Data on 47 cases of hail damage to airplanes are presented as tables II to V. In some of these cases only a small amount of information is available. Table II(a) includes eight cases of hail damage to larger-transport airplanes; table II(b) gives seven cases of damage to smaller-transport airplanes; and table III lists seven cases of hail damage to military airplanes. Limited case histories are given for cases 23 to 47 in tables IV and V. Table IV gives 16 cases of hail damage to transports, whereas table V includes seven cases of damage to military airplanes and two sample cases of damage to airplanes on the ground. All 47 cases presented in tables II to V occurred in the United States except one, which occurred just over the Mexican border. After the analyses of the 47 cases were completed, 31 additional cases became available and have been included herein (table VI) as supplementary information only.

From the photographs available on airplane damage caused by hail, a series of 27 photographs have been included in the present paper as figures 12 to 21. All of the pictures have been taken from the cases presented in the tables.

#### Wing and Tail Damage

The leading edges of the wing and the tail, as would be expected, were the most susceptible to damage. The amount of damage to leading edges that required extensive repair is shown in a subsequent section. The leading edges of thermally de-iced airplanes, because of the method of construction, are more susceptible to damage than are wings with more leading-edge stiffeners. Wing and tail leading-edge damage can be seen in figures 13(b), 13(c), 13(d), and 14(f). Figure 21 shows the damage sustained by an F-82 fighter-type airplane equipped with thermal de-icing. In addition to the leading edges, the control surfaces are frequently damaged, especially if the surfaces are fabric covered, as in the Douglas DC-3, Beech Dl8S, and others. Figure 16 illustrates damage to a fabric-covered wing surface of a DC-3.

#### Fuselage Damage

Damage to the fuselage is generally confined to the forward sections, that is, the nose and the cockpit areas. Windshields or canopies or both are sometimes broken or cracked to such an extent that pilots fear that normal cruising speeds would cause the broken pieces to be blown into the cockpit. With respect to the damage to windshields, the damage caused by hail may be amplified in airplanes with pressurized cockpits because of the added stress from internal pressure. Occasionally one side of the fuselage is damaged more than the other. This condition is presumably caused by the pilot skidding the airplane, thus exposing one side of the aircraft to the falling stones. Plexiglass nose coverings are affected in much the same manner as windshields. Fuselage damage is shown in figures 12(a), 13(a), 14(a), and 17(a); windshield damage, in figures 14(c) and 17(b).

#### Engine and Propeller Damage

Engine cowlings are damaged to about the same extent as leading edges. Ignition harnesses on engines are frequently damaged sufficiently to require replacement. Cooling fins also are very susceptible to damage. (The only instance of engine failure during an encounter with hail was reported in a Lockheed Constellation which experienced a simultaneous failure of all four engines; this failure was probably due to blocking of the air intakes by hailstones. The engines were restarted after the airplane had left the hail and turbulence area.) Propellers and propeller assemblies are damaged to some extent, but again the damage reported has never been extensive enough to be serious. Types of damage to engines and propellers can be noted in figures 14(b), 18(d) and 20(d).

#### Accessory Damage

Turrets, radar coverings, antenna loop housings, and landing and navigational lights are the chief accessories that are subject to damage. Landing lights that are imbedded in the leading edge of the wing are, for obvious reasons, more susceptible to damage than are the retractible type. Accessory damage is shown in figure 14(d).

#### CORRELATION OF HAILSTONE SIZE WITH AIRPLANE DAMAGE

In order to determine the extent of damage caused by various-size hailstones at varying impact velocities, the Indianapolis Experimental Station of the CAA conducted tests on the metal portions of typical Douglas DC-6 and DC-3 wing sections (references 40 and 41). Ice spheres, frozen in appropriate molds, were made in sizes of 0.75, 1.25, and 1.88 inches in diameter (weighing approximately 0.1, 0.5, and 1.6 oz, respectively) and were fired by a compressed-air gun at the wing sections at speeds ranging from 110 to 460 miles per hour. The resulting damage and amount of indentation are shown photographically in figures 22 and 23 and, graphically in figure 24.

The following facts and inferences may be drawn from the CAA tests:

- (1) The extent of damage varies with the mass of the hailstone, the impact velocity, the impact angle, and the type (thickness, strength, and shape) of the material hit by the hail.
- (2) Hailstones less than 0.75 inch in diameter do not cause significant damage at airplane speeds between 200 and 300 miles per hour.
- (3) Leading-edge dents sufficiently large to require repair, say 0.1-inch deep, were produced on a DC-6 wing section (0.040-inch 75S-T aluminum) by
  - (a) A 0.75-inch, ice sphere at 420 miles per hour
  - (b) A 1.25-inch ice sphere at 300 miles per hour
  - (c) A 1.88-inch ice sphere at 210 miles per hour

A DC-3 wing section (0.045-inch 24S-T aluminum) was damaged to the same extent by ice spheres of the same three sizes at speeds of 300, 180, and 120 miles per hour, respectively.

(4) Two-inch hailstones cause extensive damage to airplanes at speeds above 300 miles per hour. At 378 miles per hour, a 1.88-inch ice sphere caused the surface of a 75S-T aluminum skin to stave in over an appreciable area; at 294 miles per hour it had the same effect on 24S-T aluminum skin.

It is not immediately evident how the results of the CAA tests can be extrapolated to situations not specifically covered by the tests; however, an analysis can be made as follows to determine approximately how the depth of dent depends upon impact velocity, skin thickness, and type of material. It is assumed that the impact is normal to the skin, that a small flat circular portion of skin is affected by the hailstone, that the deformation of this portion is conical, that the deformation is resisted entirely by the membrane stress produced by the stretching of the skin, that the stretching of the skin is a purely plastic and irreversible action (the radical membrane stress has, at all times, a constant value equal to the yield stress of the material), that the depth of the dent is small compared with the radius of the affected portion of skin, and, finally, that all the kinetic energy of the ice sphere is absorbed in straining the skin.

On the basis of the foregoing assumptions, the force F necessary to produce a deflection d beneath the force is given by

$$F = (2\pi r)(\sigma_y t) \frac{d}{r} = 2\pi \sigma_y t d$$

where r is the radius of the circular portion of skin affected,  $\sigma_y$  is the yield stress of the material, and t is the skin thickness. The strain energy absorbed by the aluminum skin with a deflection d is equal to the external work done upon it, or

Strain energy = 
$$\frac{1}{2}$$
 Fd =  $\pi \sigma_y td^2$ 

The kinetic energy of the hailstone prior to impact is given by

Kinetic energy = 
$$\frac{1}{2}$$
 MV<sup>2</sup>

where M is the mass of the hailstone and V is the impact velocity. Equating kinetic energy to strain energy and solving for d gives the following expression for the depth of the dent:

$$d = \frac{V\sqrt{M}}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_y t}}$$

This result may also be written as

$$d = k \frac{v\sqrt{w}}{\sqrt{\sigma_y t}}$$

where W is the weight of the hailstone and k is a proportionality constant. The theoretical value of k is 0.00053 when V is measured in miles per hour, W, in grams,  $\sigma_y$ , in kips per square inch, and t and d, in inches.

Because of the many assumptions made in the theoretical analysis, it would be better to adjust the value of k empirically to account for additional factors which were eliminated in the original assumptions. Known combinations of values of d, V, W,  $\sigma_y$ , and t from the CAA tests were therefore substituted in the formula and an experimental value of k was calculated. The resulting values were not constant but varied as shown in the following table:

| đ/t | k                         |
|-----|---------------------------|
| 5   | Between 0.0002 and 0.0004 |
| 15  | Between 0.0005 and 0.0007 |
| 25  | Between 0.0008 and 0.0010 |
| 35  | Between 0.0010 and 0.0012 |

#### ESTIMATION OF HAILSTONE SIZE FROM AIRPLANE DAMAGE

By analyzing 52 photographs covering 11 cases of actual hail damage to airplanes, the authors of the present paper attempted to estimate the sizes of hailstones encountered by these damaged airplanes. Since photographs are generally taken of only the more seriously damaged aircraft, it is logical to assume that the hailstones causing the damage shown in these photographs are among the largest encountered by aircraft. These photographs are, therefore, a record of extreme cases rather than of average cases.

In order to estimate the sizes of the hailstones which caused the airplane damage in the ll cases, the last formula of the previous section, solved for W, was used in conjunction with the previous table. The depth d of the largest single isolated dent on each damaged part was estimated from the photographs by several qualified aircraft inspectors (isolated dents were used in order to eliminate the effects

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of cumulative damage by numerious hits in the same place); the yield stress  $\sigma_y$  and the skin thickness t were obtained from the maintenance manuals on the particular type of airplane; and the impact velocity V was taken to be the true airspeed of the airplane at the time of encounter. A specific gravity of 0.7 was assumed in converting W to the size (diam.) of the hailstone.

The results of the calculations of maximum hailstone size are shown in the next to last column of the following table. Because of the variation in the depths of the dents over various components of the airplane constructed of the same type of aluminum alloy and the lack of preciseness in the factor k, the most probable single value of the estimated hailstone size is given, together with an indication of the range of possible error for each case. Since the kinetic energy of a hailstone is probably the most significant index of its ability to inflict damage, the kinetic energy for each case (based on the most probable hailstone size) is given in the last column of the table for comparison purposes only.

| Case           | Photograph<br>of damage<br>(fig.) | Type of airplane | Estimated<br>true airspeed<br>(mph) | Maximum hailstone size (diam.) (in.) | Kinetic energy<br>of impact<br>(ft-lb) |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| 1              | 12                                | DC-6             | 270                                 | 1.3 ± 0.2                            | 75                                     |
| a <sub>3</sub> | 13                                | DC-6             | 295                                 | 1.4 ± 0.3                            | 105                                    |
| 7              | 14                                | DC-6             | 360                                 | 1.5 ± 0.3                            | 195                                    |
| 9 '            | 15                                | DC-4             | 185                                 | 1.7 ± 0.3                            | 50                                     |
| 11             | 17                                | DC-3             | 225                                 | 1.5 ± 0.2                            | 75                                     |
| 15             |                                   | D18s             | 170                                 | 1.3 ± 0.2                            | 30                                     |
| 16             | 18                                | B-29             | 200                                 | 1.8 ± 0.2                            | 100                                    |
| 17             | 19                                | B-29             | 220                                 | $1.7 \pm 0.2$                        | 100                                    |
| 19             | 20                                | B-29             | 265                                 | 1.4 ± 0.2                            | 85                                     |
| 20             |                                   | A-26             | 270                                 | 1.5 ± 0.2                            | 120                                    |
| 22             | 21                                | F-82 .           | 305                                 | 1.6 ± 0.2                            | 165                                    |

<sup>a</sup>Reference 42 states that circular templets were fitted into the dents caused by the hail, and it was found that the size of the hail was predominantly  $1\frac{3}{8}$  inches in diameter. This figure compares favorably with the calculated size of 1.4 inches.

On the basis of the evidence shown in this table, the largest hailstones likely to be encountered in flight appear to be about 2 inches in diameter.

## ANALYSIS OF FLIGHT AND WEATHER CONDITIONS ASSOCIATED

#### WITH ENCOUNTERED HAILSTORMS

Geographical Distribution and Time of Occurrence

The geographical locations of 57 airplanes at the time they encountered damaging hailstorms during cross-country flights over the United States are presented in figure 25(a). These accidents, for which more complete information is given in tables II to IV, were used to analyze the geographical distribution of hail encounters. (Additional cases became available after the analysis was completed and are included in figure 25(b).) Figure 25(a) includes 10 cases, not given in the tables, in which only a location is known. Inquiries concerning the occurrence of damaging hail over the North Atlantic and North Pacific Oceans adjacent to the United States did not reveal any cases of significant aircraft damage. Figure 25(a) shows the following distribution of hail encounters:

- (1) Seventy-five percent of the cases occurred between the Mississippi River and the Continental Divide (shaded area)
  - (2) Only one case occurred west of the Continental Divide
- (3) Only one case occurred east of the Mississippi River where the ground contour is under 500 feet.

Since a large percentage of the cases involve airplanes on transcontinental airways, and since the dense air traffic starts at New York and fans out along four transcontinental routes to the Pacific Coast with varying traffic volume, the figure does not give a true picture of the geographical distribution of hail aloft, especially east of the Mississippi River. The figure, however, does give a realistic picture of the risk of aircraft exposure to damaging hail and, from a consideration of the limited number of cases, favorable comparison is observed with the average annual number of days with hail (fig. 3(b)) and the crophail insurance rates (fig. 4). For ease of comparison, the locations of the 57 cases have been superimposed on these charts (figs. 3(b) and 4) and are shown as figures 26(a) and 26(b), respectively.

The region of maximum hail occurrence, indicated by all three distribution methods, is located between the Mississippi River and the Continental Divide and extends from Montana and North Dakota to New Mexico and Texas. An examination of the charts shows that the greatest hail frequency on the ground is in the western half of this region. It was therefore decided to divide the region arbitrarily into two approximately equal areas along the 2000-foot ground contour. Although the limited number of hail encounters is about evenly divided within these areas, the risk of encountering hail west of the 2000-foot contour should be greater because of the smaller volume of air traffic west of this contour. Figure 26(b) shows a marked increase in crop-hail insurance

rates west of the 2000-foot contour. The increase in hail frequency in this area may be partly explained by the increased upslope flow of east winds which result in the overriding of warm moist air over the north-south stationary front that often extends along the east slope during the spring and the summer months.

The monthly distribution of hail damage to 47 airplanes is shown in figure 27 and indicates that: (1) Out of 47 cases, 30 (64 percent) of the hail accidents, occurred during April, May, and June; and (2) May was the month of maximum occurrence, with 12 cases or 26 percent of the hail accidents. In the region between the Mississippi River and the 2000-foot contour, the maximum number of hail cases occurred during April and rapidly diminished to none by July. In the region between the 2000-foot contour and the Continental Divide, the maximum number of hail encounters occurred during May and gradually diminished to none by November (fig. 27).

The hourly distribution of hail damage to 34 airplanes is shown in figure 28. This figure indicates that: (1) Out of 34 cases, 19 (56 percent) occurred between 1400 and 1800 LST; and (2) out of 34 cases, 29 (85 percent) occurred between 1400 and 2200 LST. These results compare favorably with Lemons' hourly distribution of hailstorms presented in figure 5 which shows 52 percent occurring between 1400 and 1800 LST and 80 percent occurring between 1400 and 2200 LST.

The available data showed no correlation between the hourly distribution and the monthly distribution. In the small number of cases available (only 34), there appears to be no significant difference in the hourly distribution between geographical regions.

#### Thunderstorms Associated with Hail Encountered in Flight

Further studies were conducted to ascertain the weather factors associated with hail encountered by airplanes. The thunderstorms associated with these encounters were classified as to type: cold front, warm front, or air mass. Of 47 cases, 28 (59 percent) could be attributed to cold-front action, whereas 13 (28 percent) were caused by air-mass activity alone; the remaining 6 cases (13 percent) were caused by warm-front action. (Since more than half of the hail cases were caused by cold-front action, pilots should be more cautious than usual when flying in or near cold-front thunderstorms, especially during the spring and summer months.) The percentage of hail cases attributed to cold fronts is even more pronounced east of Indiana, where 8 of the 10 hail cases were from cold-front activity (fig. 25). It was also found that the cold-front storms occurred most frequently between 1400 and 2200 LST and reached a maximum at 1600 to 1700 LST. Most of the air-mass storms occurred at 1400 to 1500 LST and were practically negligible at other times.

Air-mass instability and the height of the freezing level were investigated to determine whether these factors could be correlated with hailstorm activity. Synoptic weather maps and upper-air soundings of the day of the hail encounter were examined, but no significant correlations could be found. The columns in tables II and III entitled "General weather situation" and "Estimated freezing level" are included for completeness of the case histories and for possible use in future research studies.

#### In-Flight Weather Observations When Hail Was Encountered

In the great majority of the accidents caused by hail, thunderstorms were visible in the vicinity. Occasionally, hail was encountered outside but near a thunderstorm. This hail was presumed to have blown out of the anvil of a cloud. In every case in which a thunderstorm was not mentioned specifically in the report of the encounter, indications were that a thunderstorm was present. In cases 1 to 22, (tables II and III) it will be noted that, in all but two instances, turbulence, drafts, lightning, and/or radio static were observed. Of the two cases where none of these phenomena was mentioned, one was an encounter with hail in the clear and the other was not fully reported - the airplane ran into hail shortly after take-off while flying through rain but apparently not through clouds. The onset of hail and turbulence or drafts was almost simultaneous in several cases.

#### IN-FLIGHT AVOIDANCE BY RADAR DETECTION

Many military airplanes are now equipped with radar which can be used to detect areas of precipitation. By using this equipment, the pilot can avoid the precipitation area; but if it is necessary to fly through the precipitation, which may extend over a large area, the pilot is unable to pick the safest route, as the radar gives no indication of the type or intensity of precipitation. Military and civilian airtransport operators have therefore become interested in determining the practicability of air-borne radar which enables the pilot to avoid the dangerous areas within thunderstorms and squall lines and to fly through precipitation clouds with safety and comfort.

American Airlines, Inc. (reference 43) investigated the use of radar for in-flight avoidance of severe turbulence and heavy precipitation (including hail) in thunderstorms and squall lines. The flight tests made with specially built radar equipment gave no conclusive results on hail avoidance; however, the tests indicated that future research in this direction could lead to the avoidance of damaging hail.

On the assumption that good correlation existed between rate of change of rainfall rate (rainfall gradient) and maximum turbulence, a modern 3-centimeter radar set was modified for this investigation so that the PPI scope would indicate the rainfall gradient. Since the strength of the radar echo depends upon the number and the size of the precipitation particles and the path length in the cloud, the variation in the strength of the return signal is a function of the precipitation. The echo on the PPI scope of this modified radar set has the usual appearance except that the center section of the echo is erased when the rate of precipitation is above a predetermined amount. The spacing between the no-echo area and the erased-echo area gives a measure of rainfall gradient.

During the flight tests the airplane flew a total of 600 miles through, or immediately adjacent to, 40 thunderstorms. Hail, graupel, or snow pellets (soft hail) were collected by a hail catcher (fig. 29) 32 times during these flights. A typical example of the small hail and graupel caught in the hail catcher during flights through thunderstorms at a temperature just above freezing (4°C) is shown in figure 30; a typical example of snow particles and soft hail caught at a temperature just below freezing (0 to -5°C) is illustrated in figure 31 (reference 44). Difficulty was encountered in catching hailstones at cloud temperatures just below freezing because soft hail, slush, and snow particles were also present and caused the surface of the hail catcher to become coated with ice.

When the 32 hail encounters during these test flights were analyzed, it was found that 31 cases occurred in the heavy-rain area and only 1 case occurred in the light-rain area. The PPI scope indicated that, of the 31 encounters which occurred in heavy rain, 28 cases (90 percent) occurred during the first 15 seconds (distance, 1 mile) of heavy rain following the light rain. In no instance, however, were hailstones encountered larger than 3/4 inch in diameter. From the limited data available, hail appears to be generally located in the heavy-rain area and close to the outer periphery of that area.

#### CORRELATION OF AVAILABLE

#### INFORMATION ON HAIL

Previous sections have presented the information available from literature on the hail phenomenon and a survey of hail as it affects aircraft operations. Although the material in these sections has been presented independently, it is closely associated. In addition, the material in each of the previous sections suggests ways to avoid or to reduce hail damage to aircraft. This section, therefore, correlates the hail information previously discussed and serves as a guide in the avoidance or reduction of hail damage.

#### GENERAL FEATURES

Small solid particles (called small hail) apparently form in every thunderstorm and melt before falling to the ground. In the more violent thunderstorms, however, these initial solid particles continue to enlarge into hailstones by the sublimation and condensation processes, and a certain size appears to predominate in each storm. Hail occurs in narrow bands during the mature stage (or late in the growing stage) of the thunderstorm cycle and is closely associated with the heavy-rain area.

Hail is usually composed of alternating layers of clear and opaque ice and has an average specific gravity of 0.7. The shape of most hailstones is spherical, although conical and discoidal stones frequently form. The size of hail aloft may vary from its size on the ground, as the stone may continue to grow during its final descent to the earth, or may melt partially after it falls into regions of abovefreezing temperatures. Although the largest hailstone authentically recorded in the United States measured 5.4 inches in diameter and weighed 1.5 pounds, the average size of hail reported on the ground is about 0.6 inch in diameter and its weight, 0.05 ounce. The average size of hail aloft is unknown; however, calculations made from the extent of hail-damaged airplanes indicate that the size of hailstones encountered aloft ranges up to about 2 inches in diameter and the weight up to 1.8 ounces. A United Air Lines study showed that, in the area between Chicago and Denver, hailstones larger than 1 inch occur in about 1 out of 800 thunderstorms, whereas hailstones larger than 2 inches occur in about 1 out of 1600 thunderstorms.

Although hail is associated with thunderstorms, the geographical distributions of the two are not the same. Hail occurs with greater frequency in the continental interiors of the middle latitudes, diminishing in frequency seaward, equatorward, and poleward. The distribution and

occurrence of hail-producing thunderstorms which cause airplane damage over the United States are outlined as follows:

- (1) Seventy-five percent of the damaging hail encountered by airplanes occurs between the Mississippi River and the Continental Divide. This distribution agrees with ground weather reports and crop-hail insurance rates as shown in figure 26.
- (2) Sixty-four percent of the hail which causes airplane damage occurs during April, May, and June. This period compares favorably with the months of maximum hailstorms reported on the ground as April, May, and June (fig. 6(a)).
- (3) Fifty-six percent of the hailstorms encountered aloft occur between 1400 and 1800 LST, whereas, 85 percent occur between 1400 and 2200 LST. These percentages are in close agreement with ground reports of 52 and 80 percent, respectively (fig. 5).
- (4) Fifty-eight percent of the damaging hail encountered by airplanes is caused by cold-front thunderstorms, whereas, 28 percent is caused by air-mass thunderstorms. The cold-front storms occur most frequently between 1400 and 2200 LST; most of the air-mass storms occur at 1400 to 1500 LST and are practically negligible at other times.
- (5) Pilot reports indicate that the horizontal distance flown in hail averages 5 miles but ranges from 1 to 30 miles. Surface data show that the most common width of the hailstorms is 1 to 2 miles but widths ranging from a few yards to 75 miles have been reported.
- (6) The Thunderstorm Project showed that hail was seldom found at more than one or two levels in the same storm and that it occurred most frequently at an altitude between the freezing level and 20,000 feet.

#### AIRPLANE OPERATION AND HAIL

Although no fatal airplane accident is known to have been caused solely by hail, this phenomenon has caused severe damage to airplanes, in some cases as high as \$25,000 per encounter. The nose section and the leading edges of the wing and tail are subject to severe damage, and windshields have been broken or cracked to such an extent that pilots feared that normal cruising speeds of the airplanes would cause the broken pieces to be blown into their eyes. The extent of damage varies with the mass of the hailstone, the impact velocity, and the type of material hit by the hail. Hailstones less than 0.75 inch in diameter do not cause significant damage at aircraft speeds between 200 and 300 miles per hour. Calculations from photographs of hail-damaged

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airplanes indicate that the largest hailstones likely to be encountered in flight are about 2 inches in diameter.

From the analysis of flight and weather conditions associated with hailstorms, it is evident that, until radar or other hail-detection equipment becomes available, successful hail avoidance is directly dependent upon pilot judgment. In order to exercise good judgment, the pilot should (1) be familiar with the occurrence of hail and the effect of hail on aircraft, (2) know the over-all weather conditions before take-off, (3) obtain the latest in-flight weather advisories, and (4) be aware of potential developments so that he can recognize and evaluate them as they occur. If a pilot has a general understanding of when and where hail forms and the weather conditions associated with hailstorms, he knows when he should discuss hail during preflight weather briefing with the forecaster and when he should require additional pertinent weather information during flight. Unexpected hail encounters could thus be reduced.

If the location and time of the flight coincide with possible hailstorm conditions, visual pilot observation should be made (if possible) of all thunderstorm clouds that are in line with or directly adjacent to the flight path of the aircraft. Since the degree of severity of a thunderstorm can be associated with the stage of its life cycle, and since hail usually occurs during the mature stage, greater caution should be taken by the pilot when is is flying near or through this stage of the storm. A mature storm can be described as having a sharp-edged cauliflower appearance, and usually sharp cloud-to-ground lightning. A dissipating storm can be identified by its wispy-edged appearance and cloud-to-cloud, flickering-type lightning. The disadvantage of decreased visibility during night operations is partially overcome by the facts that only 25 percent of the hailstorms occur during the hours of darkness and that lightning is more readily visible at night.

Many military and commerical pilots make use of visual soft spots in navigating through cumulo-nimbus clouds. A so-called visual soft spot, however, is not always a reliable means of determining the best path through a thunderstorm, because hail has been occasionally reported in the clear air outside thunderstorm clouds. As a result of recent experiences of this nature, at least one airline advises pilots to stay away from the edges of cumulo-nimbus clouds when the temperatures at flight altitudes are below freezing. It should also be remembered that, although hail may not be encountered by aircraft passing through a thunderstorm, damaging hail may be encountered in another storm within the same general area or at a different altitude in the same storm.

After the airplane enters a thunderstorm and encounters hail, the pilot must decide whether he should turn to get out of the hail area or continue through the hail area on his original heading. It appears

that, after hail is encountered, the type of evasive action to be taken depends again on pilot judgment and the decision should be based on all known factors regarding the position of the airplane with respect to the storm. If the flight path is parallel to the edge of the storm, a turn is obviously the best solution. If the relative position of the storm is unknown, the best course is to continue through the storm. This course is especially advisable when instrument flight conditions, poor radio reception, and other adverse factors are involved. The speed of the airplane, however, has a profound effect on the amount of damage sustained and should be reduced as soon as possible.

Hail damage may be reduced in future aircraft operations by the elimination of destructive hail or by aircraft avoidance of hailstorms by means of radar detection. Attempts have been made to eliminate destructive hail by seeding potential hailstorms, and the Rogue River Valley Hail Prevention Project has been successful in eliminating hail over a limited area in Oregon. American Airlines, Inc. has experimented with a modified radar set which detects the rainfall gradient (the rate of change of rainfall rate with distance), a parameter which may have good correlation with turbulence and hail. Although some accepted conclusions have been reached with respect to turbulence, no definite conclusions can as yet be drawn concerning hail.

#### FORECASTING HAIL

The meteorologist can be of great assistance in minimizing the hail hazard to airplanes by placing increased importance on forecasting damaging hail and potential hail-producing thunderstorms. Since most hail exists in narrow bands within thunderstorm clouds that are in the late building or early mature stage, the meteorologist must first analyze all available information which can be used to forecast thunderstorms. At present two methods are used to forecast thunderstorms - the parcel method and the slice method; both require data from upper-air soundings. The parcel method is in more common use today, as it is simpler to use and sufficient with our present knowledge. The slice method is much more complicated, but if properly applied it should give more accurate results. One representation which makes use of the parcel method is the Theta-E map. This map shows the fields of equivalent potential temperature and of moisture content, both drawn for a selected level (generally 700 millibars).

If thunderstorms are assured, the meteorologist can turn his attention to a forecast of possible hail. No specific rules can be given for forecasting hail, as associated weather conditions appear to vary with the locality; however, it is well understood that the lapse rate, moisture content, and lifting forces are important factors involved in forecasting the severity of thunderstorms and the possibility of hail. A

United Air Lines study (reference 8) revealed that the frequency of thunderstorms producing large hail (1-inch in diameter or larger) is 1 in 400 when the lapse rate, as indicated by the nearest sounding, is greater than 2.5° C per 1000 feet. The frequency is only 1 in 1200 when the lapse rate is smaller than 2.5° C per 1000 feet. Large hail appears more frequently when the base of this unstable region is below 7000 feet. In addition, the moisture content of the air should be above 70 percent relative humidity for a depth of 15,000 feet, and this moist layer should straddle the freezing level.

A certain amount of lifting is required to instigate vertical convective currents which are necessary for the development of hailproducing thunderstorms, and, therefore, the thermal, orographic, and frontal lifting forces should be given careful consideration. Air-mass hailstorms can be produced from a large amount of thermal lifting force alone, but the geographical distribution and time of occurrence of airmass hailstorms indicate that, in the majority of cases, both orographic and thermal lifting forces may be required. As the greatest number of frontal hailstorms occur in the late afternoon, it also appears that both frontal and thermal lifting forces usually are necessary for frontal hailstorms. Since cold fronts produce the majority of hailstorms which result in airplane damage, the meteorologist should be extremely careful in locating all fronts on the synoptic weather map and in detecting the first signs of the development of prefrontal squall lines. Some cold fronts and prefrontal squall lines are very weak at night, but with added solar heating during the day they intensify and produce the lifting forces required for severe thunderstorms and hailstorms.

A certain amount of judgment on the part of the meteorologist must be used in forecasting hail. Local forecasting experience gained by a meteorologist who is stationed at one locality for a long period of time is probably the most significant factor which contributes to the accuracy of his hail forecasts. By analyzing the climatological records of the forecast area, a meteorologist in a new location can obtain valuable information on the types of synoptic patterns and on the critical values of the upper-air elements which prevail when hailstorms occur. A typical analysis of the weather conditions associated with hailstorms has been made by United Air Lines for the Denver area (reference 16).

In general, the meteorologist is able to detect potentially dangerous hail situations when making an area or route forecast, and during preflight briefing he should warn the pilot of the possibility of hail when this condition exists. After take-off, efforts should be made to transmit hail information to the pilot when pilot in-flight weather reports and the latest surface observations indicate that hail exists but was not forecast for the area. In summarizing the general requirements for the forecasting of severe thunderstorms and hailstorms, the following points should be kept in mind:

- (1) Amount of moisture aloft: Although a sounding may show great degrees of instability, no clouds develop if the atmosphere is exceedingly dry. A layer should be considered moist if the relative humidity is above 70 percent. The moist layers should cluster about the freezing level.
- (2) <u>Height and thickness of the unstable layer</u>: Cumulus clouds form with the instability entirely below the freezing level, but for the cumulus to reach severe thunderstorm proportions and cause hail the unstable layer should extend at least 15,000 feet above the cloud base.
- (3) <u>Height of the freezing level</u>: Hail is more likely to form with a low freezing level (springtime conditions), since more of the unstable region is in temperatures below 0° C.
- (4) Amount of thermal heating: For vertical convective currents to begin, a certain amount of surface heating is required. This amount can be determined by calculating the dry adiabatic temperature at the convective condensation level and estimating the expected maximum surface temperature.
- (5) Amount of orographic or frontal lifting: Trajectory of the air over geographical or frontal slopes can be used to determine how much the air will be lifted. A layer already unstable will of course become more unstable upon lifting.
- (6) Amount of local forecasting experience: By studying the climatological records of the particular area where hail forecasts are to be made, valuable information can be obtained on the type of synoptic patterns and on the critical values of the upper-air elements which prevail in the area during days when hailstorms occur.

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TABLE I

# FREQUENCY (N) AND PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTIONS OF VARIOUS HAIL

# INTENSITIES AT GIVEN ATLITUDES

[From reference 19]

# (a) Florida Thunderstorms (1946)

|                |       |         | F      | Light alt | itud   | le, (ft M | ISL)   |         |        |         |
|----------------|-------|---------|--------|-----------|--------|-----------|--------|---------|--------|---------|
| Hail intensity | 6,000 |         | 11,000 |           | 16,000 |           | 21,000 |         | 26,000 |         |
|                | N     | Percent | N      | Percent   | N      | Percent   | N      | Percent | N      | Percent |
| Light          | 0     | 0       | 1      | 1         | · 4    | 3         | 1      | 1       | 2      | 3       |
| Moderate       | 0     | 0       | 1      | 1         | 6      | 4         | 3      | 3       | 0      | 0       |
| Heavy          | 0     | 0       | 1.     | 1         | 3      | 3         | Ò      | 0       | 0      | 0       |
| No hail        | 96    | 100     | 128    | 97        | 115    | 90        | 111    | 96      | 79     | 97      |
| Total          | 96    | 100     | 131    | 100       | 128    | 100       | 115    | 100     | 81     | 100     |

# (b) Ohio Thunderstorms (1947)

|                |     |         | Fli | ght alti | Ltude | e, (ft MS       | SL) |         |     |         |
|----------------|-----|---------|-----|----------|-------|-----------------|-----|---------|-----|---------|
| Hail intensity | 5   | 5,000   | 3   | 10,000   | ]     | L5 <b>,</b> 000 | 2   | 20,000  | 2   | 25,000  |
|                | N   | Percent | N   | Percent  | N     | Percent         | N   | Percent | N   | Percent |
| Light          | 1   | 1       | 9   | 4        | 0     | 0               | 5   | 3       | 2   | 2       |
| Moderate       | 0   | 0       | 2   | 1        | 2     | 1               | 3   | 2       | 0   | 0       |
| Heavy          | 0   | 0       | 5   | 2        | 14    | 2               | 0   | 0       | 0   | 0       |
| Unclassified   | 1   | 1       | 10  | 5        | 4     | 2               | 2   | 1       | 1   | 1       |
| No hail        | 110 | 98      | 191 | 88       | 198   | . 95            | 154 | 94      | 108 | 97      |
| Total          | 112 | 100     | 217 | 100      | 208   | 100             | 164 | 100     | 111 | 100     |



#### TABLE II. - CASE MINTONIES OF MAIL DAMAGE TO TRANSPORT AIMPLANCE

#### (a) Larger-transport simplemes

|      |                                |                   |              |  |  |  | · 1   | Flight oo | ditio        | 18                             |   |
|------|--------------------------------|-------------------|--------------|--|--|--|---|-----------|--------------|--------------------------------|---|
| Cage | Type of<br>simpleme            | Data              | Time         | Location                                     | Dema <b>ge</b>   | Enlistens diss. colou- lated from pictures (in.) | Estimated<br>true<br>sirepeod<br>in hail<br>(mph) | Altitudo  | LOCAL D.     | General<br>flight<br>direction | In-flight weather conditions<br>before encounter  |
| 71   | Douglas<br>DC=6                | Sept. 14,<br>1947 | 1516<br>Cer  | ME. Marrice;<br>Ej miles MW. of<br>Monolova  | Moso section, fuschage<br>above vindshield, cowling,<br>leading edges of ving, and<br>so forth                                   | L3 ± 0.2   | 370   | 18,000    | 0            | M.                             | VFR Clearance: Changed course twice to go around small but towering commiss; large complements directly sheed and to right having a top 10 miles in dismeter at 30,000 ft and extending higher. Two small commins to laft; tops 20 to 25,000 ft. Stratus overhanging dack at 20,000 ft. Went under stratus and just laft of complements. Encountered heavy aris and say one flash lightning to right. He precipitation sheed or to left. Hall.  |
| 2    | Douglas<br>DC-6                | April 27,<br>1948 | 1600<br>197  | **BU. Ohio;<br>Tonesville                    | Leading edges of wing and<br>tail, cowlings, and nose<br>section   | Union own  | 945   | 18,000    | -12          | ٧.                             | IFR Observace: Rem into squall line in castern Chic, slowed to 170 mph IAS. Smooth after first entering cloud, light hall after a few minutes; an updraft increased airspeed to 190 mph IAS, then moderate hail.  |
| *3   | Donglas<br>DC-6                | Hay 2,<br>1938    | 2030<br>1297 | H. Termassca;<br>30 miles H. of<br>Encryille | Hose section, fuscings<br>and dome above windshield,<br>wing tips, propellars,<br>de-teer, cowling, air<br>scoop, and all cooler | 1.4 ± 0.3  | 295   | 19,000    | 0            | <b>113.</b>                    | IFR Clearance: Tope of alous 11,000 ft. Lightning visible to south of course. A front was nowing across to the southeast. Through northern Tennasses, tops were 18,500 ft with some higher. Yent through saveral tope with no turbulence; then into a top with heavy hail immediately after ontry.  |
| •    | Douglas<br>DC-6                |                   | 1935<br>CBT  | M. Texas;<br>Midland                         | Windshield, nose cup<br>bettered, coulings, and<br>leading edges dented;<br>repair cost \$18,186                                 | Unknovn  | 270   | 16,000    | ,            | v.                             | IFR Clearance: Encountered broken to scattered thunderwhores with slight wing icing, but no appreciable turbulence; then run into hail. Outside temperature reported 5.50 C.  |
| 5    | Douglas<br>DC-6                |                   |              |  | Nose cap dented, paint off<br>eagine coving, small<br>dents in horizontal and<br>vartical stabilizers                            | Unknown  | 170   | 16,000    | Un-<br>known | v.                             | IFR Clearance: A line of thunderstorse extended northeast-southwest on<br>the take-off. Entered cloud after climbing 16,000 ft. Encountered hall<br>immediately. Alkitude limited to 16,000 ft because of engine trouble.   |
| 6    | Douglas<br>DO-6                | Heron 30,<br>1949 | CSLL<br>5030 | H*C. Illinois;<br>Bloomington                | Leading edges and noce<br>dented   | Unknows  | 170   | 7,000     | 4            | EE.                            | IFR Clearance: Between layers at 7,000 ft to central Illinois. Went on instruments with light tarbulence. After 10 min it become apparent they were nearing center of thunderstoms activity, with noderate to heavy rain and considerable lightning. Slowed to 160 mph IAS than through light hail.   |
| भा   | Douglas<br>DO-6                | Kay 25,<br>1949   | 69T<br>2010  | SW. Texns;<br>Guadalupe Pass                 | Nose, windshield, cowlings, and all leeding odges; repair cost \$25,165  | 1.5 ± 0.3  | 360   | 14,000    | 6            | v.                             | IFR Clearance: A line of thunderstorms extended from eastern New Mexico south-southrestward into Mexico. (Overcast at 80 to 25,000 ft. from thunderstorms eastward, joining thunderstorms at 20,000 ft. Tops of clocks to morth sertimated 40,000 ft. Hall was reported on ground with thunderstorms and dust to 13,000 ft. Slowed to 170 to 180 mph IAS to enter, subjugated light to moderate turbulence and rain; 2 min after entering aloud sirepeed built up to 275 mph IAS; then ran into hall. |
| 8    | Lookhoed<br>Constel-<br>lation | April 25,<br>1948 | 1.730<br>Car | **C. Lorisisma;<br>Alexandria                | Damage not mentioned.<br>(Several passengers<br>injured becomes of hitting<br>the cailing.)                                      | Unknown  | थ्य   | 20,000    | Un-<br>knova | 897.                           | IFR Clearance: On top of brokes clouds at 10,000 ft, but through conscional light rain from a very high broken deck above. Air smooth, then a violent doudraft with light rain becoming very heavy rain. Quickly changed to updraft and heavy hall begon.   |

<sup>\*</sup>Pictures of hail durage in those cases are shown in figures 12 to 1%.
\*\*\*O refers to central.



#### TABLE II. - CASS MISTORIES OF MAIL DANAGE TO TRANSPORT ALEPLANCE - Continued

#### (a) Largor-transport airplance - Concluded

|                | Weaths   | r conditions during                     | encounter   |  | Estimated                 |  |
|----------------|--|---|---|--|---------------------------|--|
| Casa           | Hail with<br>respect to cloud  | Evasive action<br>by pilot              | Associated<br>weather<br>phenomena  | General vesther situation  | freezing<br>lavel<br>(ft) | Constructive remarks   |
| *1             | Under overhang of a<br>thunderstors. Bail<br>in very merror band<br>not restricting<br>visibility. Hail,<br>15 see in clear, | 50° left turn<br>and climbed.           | No rain.<br>One lightning<br>flack. No<br>tarbulence.                         | Munerious air-mas thunderstorms. Little data evailable.  | 18,000<br>or<br>lower     | Unevoidable.   |
| 2              | In thunderstown. Hail 2 win.   | None.                                   | Light to moderate<br>turbulence.<br>Moderate updraft.                         | A north-sorth squall line and possible cold front through the area. Air mas was noist and unstable, very suitable for thundarstorms.   | 11,000                    | Heil was forecast. Impress pilots to use extreme care and minimum safe speed when hall is probable.  |
| <del>*</del> 3 | In top of thunder-<br>storm. Hail 2 to<br>3 min.   | 150° left turn.                         | Severe turbulence<br>vith hail. Foor<br>radio reception.                      | Flight parallel and just ahead of northeast-southwest cold front. Airmanss information not available.  | 13,000                    | Cantion pilots that if one thunderstora does not have turbulence and hall this fact does not mean that all thunderstorms in the area do not.   |
| 4              | Through thunder-<br>stoom. Hall \$5<br>to 60 sec.  | Fons.                                   | Extreme turbulence<br>for several<br>minutes with the<br>hall.                | East-west cold front to south of<br>the area. Thunderstorms nore<br>numericus to south of area. Fo<br>reliable redicecede available.   | 13,000                    | Hosger information was available. Advise pilot to make complete port-flight report for future guidance of other personnal.   |
| ,              | Into thunderstore.   | Descended to<br>12,000 ft.              | Excessive St.<br>Elmo's fire.   | No fronts. Air mass moist and<br>unstable, good for convectional<br>thanderstorms.   | 14,000                    | Hail was forecast. Aircraft encountered hail at low airspeed, resulting in only since hail damage. Express pilots that if all equipment is not functioning properly, be extremely contious.              |
| 6              | Into themderstors. Heavy hail 15 sec. Light to moderate hail for 60 sec, estimated.  | Slowed from 160<br>to 140 mph 148.      | Very heavy rain<br>showers. Moderate<br>turbulence.<br>Appreciable lightning. | North-south cold front or occlusion<br>passing area at time of accident.<br>Air mass very moist and unstable<br>with lifting.  | 9,500                     | Advise pilots to fly through thunderstorms at a rather high altitude rather than at a medium altitude. Warm pilots to keep airspeed low when there is any danger of hail.                                |
| *7             | In cloud 2 min<br>before hall was<br>encountered, Hail<br>60 sec.  | Immodiate left<br>turn.                 | Appreciable lightning.<br>Modarate (not severe)<br>surbulence.                | Haps differ on synoptic situations.  Cold front or equal line, ordested cost-was, passed area at the time of the secident. Air mass would only produce thundarstons with at least 3,000 ft lift. | 14,000                    | Warn pilot that when hail is imminent to slow<br>plane as much as possible. Contion pilots<br>that visible "sort spots" in the thundarstors<br>area are often deceiving without the support<br>of resar. |
| 8              | Report not clear.<br>Eail less than<br>5 min.  | None; because<br>of engine<br>stoppage. | Rainj severe turb-<br>ulencej severe up<br>and dovudrafts.                    | Mortheast-southwest squall line and<br>cold front passing the area. Thunder-<br>storms reported on ground almost<br>everywhere.  | 13,000                    | Unavoidable.   |

<sup>\*</sup>Pictures of hall damage in these cases are shown in figures 12 to 14.

#### TABLE II .- CASE HISTORIES OF HAIL DAMAGE TO TRANSPORT AIRPLANES - Continued

#### (b) Smiller-transport sirplanes

|      |                                 |                  |              |                                   |  |  | 1   | light co             | dition                | 15                             |  |
|------|---------------------------------|------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|--|--|-----|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| Саво | Type of<br>sirplene             | Data             | Timo         | Location                          | Darrage  | Hailstone<br>diam. oslon-<br>lated from<br>pictures<br>(in.) |     | Altitode<br>(ft HBL) | Air<br>tomp.<br>(° C) | General<br>flight<br>direction | In-flight weather conditions<br>before encounter   |
| *9   | Douglas<br>DC-4                 | Ang. 12,<br>1948 | 1545<br>EST  | 40 miles Mr. of<br>Rosnoks        | Leeding edges of wings,<br>horizontal and vertical<br>stabilizers, engine<br>condings, both elsewtors,<br>and nose section.                            | 1.7 ± 0.3  | 185 | 8,000                | 10                    | SW.                            | IFA Clearence: Altitude 8,000 ft; circumnavigated few small thunderstorms; in and out of others; oncountered rain and light hall for 1 to 2 min in these clouds; top possibly 15,000 ft; clouds all around. We min after tak-off entered very light (light brown) choods with anvil, at reduced spead; hall intensity increased. |
| 10   | Consolidated<br>Vultee<br>Linor | Hay 22,<br>1949  | 1545<br>197  | ginis; 30 miles W.<br>of Elkins   | Donts in leading edgss,<br>some engine (pro-<br>peller) trouble during<br>bail.  | Unknown  | 205 | 11,000               | 3                     | r.                             | IFR Clearance: Through central West Virginia; weather looked best to north and east. Flaw around four large thanderstorms and picked a "soft spot" in the fifth; bent between layers, light rain became moderate with some alumn; then ran into hail.  |
| *11  | Donglas<br>**DC-3               | 1946             | 1655<br>HET  | 60 miles N. of<br>Donwer          | Both wing tips, horizontal<br>and vertical stabilizors,<br>propellers, windshield,<br>astrodoms, ignition har-<br>beas, cooling fins, and so<br>forth. | 1.5 ± 0.2  | 227 | 9,000                | 7                     | RE.                            | TR Clearence: Long nerrow belt of alouds just above flight level, estimated 1,2000 ft high; turned 15° left and descended 300 ft to go under alouds; updraft took plans from 8,300 to 10,000 ft into base of alouds; then downdraft and hail.  |
| 12   | Douglas<br>**DO-3               | Hay 12,<br>1947  | 2045<br>CST  |                                   | Elevator ripped, windshield<br>cracked, landing lights<br>broken, and nose desired.  | Unknown  | 160 | 2,500                | 20                    | ew.                            | VFR Chearance: Circumcavigated atoms; under clouds;<br>rain; night; lightning intense and blinding; then maybe<br>into clouds; little bail and severa downdraft; 180° left<br>turn; heavy bail during turn.  |
| 13   | Douglas<br>**D0-3               | Hay 10,-<br>1948 | 2015<br>HBT  | Clovis                            | Cowling dented, nose glass<br>and landing lights broken.   | Unknown  | 170 | 6,000                | 12                    | SW.                            | VFR Clearence, second part of trip: Might; under sond clouds with base 6,500 ft; lightning to right and left; encountered hall; send clouds obscured thunderstoms.   |
| *14  | Douglas<br>**DO-3               | Joly 3,<br>1948  | 1830<br>1281 | 20 miles W. of<br>Altooms         | Elevator fabric.   | Umknoum  | 170 | 6,500                | Un→<br>knovn          | Е.                             | FFR Clearance: Changed to LTR when flight encountered hars and stretus clouds; vision impaired because of reflection of sum. Encountered hail and severe turbulence. Turned right to circumsavigate thunderstorm. Saw line of thonderstorms northwest to southeast.  |
| 15   | Beech<br>***D188                | rume 19,<br>1948 | 1700<br>1297 | EE, West Virginia;<br>Martineburg | Morizontal and both verti-<br>cal stabilizers, nose<br>glass, and landing lights.  | 1.3 ± 0.2  | 170 | 7,000                | Un-<br>known          | SE.                            | IFE Clearance: Encountered severe turbulence and little hall in one aloud; into clear with broken clouds undermesti; went around next thumberstons and 5 min later entered hole between 2 cloud sections of vertical development. Severe turbulence and hall; 180° left turn with wielent updraft on right wing.                 |

<sup>\*</sup>Pictures of hail damage in these cases are shown in figures 15 to 17.



### TABLE II. - CASE HISTORIES OF HALL DAMAGE TO TRANSPORT AIRPLANCE - Concluded

### (b) Smiller-transport airplanes - Concluded

|      | Weather   | conditions during enc  | conter   |   | Estimated                 |   |
|------|---|--|--|---|---------------------------|---|
| Case | Hail with<br>respect to cloud   | Evasive action<br>by pilot   | Associated<br>weather<br>phenomens   | General weather situation   | freesing<br>level<br>(ft) | Constructive reserts  |
| *9   | In thunderstorm, In cloud 10 min, In hail 8 min, Ently gradually increased becoming intense 3 to 5 min, | In turbulence (not Flight was made parallel to from the finit passed Fight was made parallel to from the finit passed Fight was made parallel to from the finit passed in the finite finite from the finite finite finite finite from the finite |  | Northeast-southwest week cold from:<br>Flight was made parallel to front and<br>may have been in cold front. Humarous<br>air-mass thundaratorms sheed of front.                             | 13,500                    | Impress forecasters that positions of fronts and possibility of hail should be considered and included in forecasts to pilots. Cantion pilots to select a route perpendicular to socive cold front. Warm pilots to report by radio all unusual weather encountered to help forecasters and other pilots.      |
| 10   | Botween cloud<br>layers. Hail<br>90 sec.  | 180° turn.<br>(30° bank.)  | Rain. Appreciable<br>lightning. Wo<br>radio reception.   | Frontal situation not clear.  Apparently flew through a north-south cold front. Radioscades not available. Thundaratorms were forecast for conth-castern Chic.                              | 12,000                    | Cantion pilots that "soft spots" are not always "soft" when radar is not available.   |
| *11  | Just in or under oload base. In hall 40 sec. Eail size la to 2 in. in dissetar. Hoise terrific.         | Straight shead;<br>leveled off<br>from dommdraft<br>at 7,000 ft MSL.   | No rain, Light<br>turbulence.<br>Severe drafts -<br>downtraft 1000 fs<br>per min.                                | Air mass moist and unotable. Frontal situation is not clear. By using 24-hour maps (surface and 700 mh.), it is evident a cold front passed this area, but it cannot be picked out plainly. | 10,000                    | Impress forecasters to watch indefinite fronts and keep associated thunderstors activity in sind. Countim pilote not to fly under the hood while in marginal VFE weather.   |
| 1.0  | In edge of thunder-<br>storm. In heal   | 180° left turn<br>out of hall and<br>cloud in 2 min.   | Rain, No turbu-<br>lence. Severe<br>doundraft,<br>Extensive light-<br>ning. Heavy<br>static at lov<br>frequency, | Sortheast-couthwest upper cold front probably passed area at the time of the occident. All radiocode in this area indicated thunderstorms were likely.                                      | 12,000                    | Weather was worse than forecast. Cention pilots that night flying through intense thunderstorms is damesrous. Warm pilots to change from VFR to IFR before IFR weather is flown into. Warm pilots to check range weather reports during adverse weather conditions.   |
| 13   | Under cloud. In<br>hail 90 sec,<br>estimated.   | 180° turn.   | Lightning to<br>right end left.<br>Light turbulence.   | North-south cold frontal activity in<br>the area. Air mass good for thunder-<br>storms (unstable and moist).  | 11,000                    | Cantion pilote that night flights are desgrous in<br>thunderstorm area, especially when surrounding<br>cloud danks obscure vision.  |
| *14  | In stratus cloud<br>and into edge of<br>thunderstorm. In<br>hall short time.                            | Made small turn<br>and climbed into<br>light area 30°<br>right turn them<br>100° right turn.   | Light rain.<br>Severe turbolence.<br>Sovere radio<br>static.   | Forthwest-southeast weak surface warm front in vicinity. Probably air-mass thundaretories also. No rediceonds available.  | 14,000                    | Ramind furanasters to give pilots all weather information, including fronts on routs. Advise pilots that it is safer in thunderstorn areas to fly on top of the stratus cloud dock where cusulus can be seen and not through stratus docks where visibility is limited.                                       |
| 15   | In edge of thunder-<br>storm. Hole closed<br>between clouds.<br>Hall 2 min,<br>estimated.               | 180° left turn.<br>Put inverted<br>sirplane under<br>control. Let<br>down in hole.   | Sovere turbulence.<br>Sovere radio<br>statio. Yiolent<br>updraft at<br>4,000 per min                             | Fortheast-southwest cold front in the area moving east. Air-mass data not available.  | 13,000                    | First hall encountered showed intensity of thunder-<br>storm. Ground observers reported many storms in<br>this area that day. Depress pilots of nature of<br>storm activities and consequences, especially in<br>thunderstorm areas. Wern forecasters that hall<br>should be considered when briefing pilots. |

<sup>\*</sup>Priotures of hall damage in these cases are shown in figures 15 to 17.

## TABLE III. - CASS RISTORIES OF HAIL DANAGE TO HILITARY AIRPLANES

|      | ]                         |                  |                    |  |   |  | ] :  | Plight co            | ditio            | ns .                           |   |
|------|---------------------------|------------------|--------------------|--|---|--|--|----------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| Case | Type of sirplane          | Dute             | Time               | Location   | Danage  | Hailstone<br>diam, calca-<br>lated from<br>pictures<br>(in,) | Estimated<br>true<br>mireped<br>in hail<br>(mph) | Altituda<br>(ft MHL) | tamo.            | General<br>flight<br>direction | In-flight weather conditions<br>before encounter  |
| *16  | Boeing<br>B-29            | 0ct. 31,<br>1947 | 0100<br>C#T        | **EO. Texas;<br>40 miles E. of<br>Pallan           | All leading edges of vings,<br>horisontal and vertical<br>stabilizers, all engine<br>covlings, propaller cuffs,<br>cooling fins, opinders;<br>nose glass oracted. | 1.8 ± 0.2  | 200  | 14,000<br>±2,000     | -3               | ENE.                           | TPR Clearance: Right; redar inoperative; front sighted; VFR - flow parallel to line of thundarstorms, then through clear hole between two thundarstorms on left. Encountered severe turbulence and hail, turned 40° right, out of hail.   |
| *17  | Roeing<br>B-29            | June 3,<br>1948  | 1345<br>NBT        | **90. Houtena;<br>30 miles 65. or<br>Billings      | Leading edges of wings,<br>horizontal stabilizers,<br>engine covlings, and<br>cooling fins.   | 1.7 ± 0.2  | 220  | 10,000               | 6                | ж.                             | IFR Clearance: Beder inoperative; could see scattered chowers and various cloud formations. Pilot under hood. Went east of route to mise one storm. Entered shelf of clouds for a short time (5 min) and encountered rain, severe terbulence and heil; then into clear. Received radio report by another pilot - severe storm and tormodo west of Billings - route was changed. |
| 18   | Bosing<br>B-89            | Aug. 1,<br>1948  | 1545<br>HST        | **C. Wyoming;<br>to miles EM. of<br>Camper         | Leeding edges of both<br>vings, horisontal and<br>vertical stabilizers,<br>engine cowling, ignition<br>harmess, navigation<br>lights.                             | Unknown  | 250  | 20,000               | -14              | <b>34.</b>                     | IFR Clearance: Ender inoperative; northeast-southness squall line seen sheed at 16,000 ft. No breaks in squall line, so flow through. Entered cloud; them severe turbulence and rain; undraft took plane up 4,000 ft; 180° left turn; hall started in turn. Climbed to E8,000 ft; cloud tops 38,000 ft. Notified AND to tall all pilots in vicinity.                            |
| *19  | Boeing<br>B-29            | Aug. 11,<br>1948 | 1450<br><b>MST</b> | ME. South Dekota;<br>15 miles SE. of<br>Papid City | Locding edge both vings,<br>horisontal and vertical<br>stabilizers, 28 engine<br>cylinders, all ignition<br>harmess; propeller cuffs<br>dented.                   | 1.4 ± 0.2  | 265  | 9,000                | 10               | TV.                            | IFR Clearance: Changed to VFR over destination. In radio contact with tower; letting down from 10,000 ft; circum-navigated small thundarstorm; hail at 9,000 MBL under edge of thunderstorm; visibility 15 mi. Nede 90° left turn; notified control tower to warm other pilots in vicinity. Hail at airport; pilot was not warmed by radio.                                     |
| 20   | Douglas<br>A-26           | Juna 16,<br>1946 | 1845<br>CST        | **NO lows;<br>120 miles HE, of<br>Cusha            | Horizontal and vertical<br>stabilizans, dir scoop,<br>vindahield, engine<br>costings, gum mount<br>covers.  | 1.5 ± 0.2  | 270  | 5,500                | 25<br>or<br>less | eav.                           | VFR Clearance: Flying under high broken clouds and beneath two cumulus (small thunderstorms). Possibly flaw through thin white cloud at edge of complies base when hail was encountered. Copilot was in control and made post-flight report as the pilot was busy with the radio.   |
| 21   | North<br>American<br>P-51 | April 7,<br>1946 | 1500<br>C8T        | SW. Illinois;<br>St. Louis                         | Both wing tips, horizontal<br>and vertical stabilizors;<br>propeller spinner dented.  | Unknown  | 180  | 1,800                | п                | ew.                            | VFR Clearance: Still climbing after take-off; encountered hall under clouds in light rain.  |
| +22  | Forth<br>American<br>F-82 | June 17,<br>1948 | 1700<br>CST        | **WO. Hehreskn;<br>Alliance                        | Leading edge of wings,<br>horizontal and vertical<br>stabilizers; windshield<br>broken; propeller<br>sydmers, air scoop.  | 1.6 ± 0.2  | 305  | 25,000               | -26              | EE.                            | IFR Glearence: IFR weather with occasional breaks overhead; while waiting for approval to let down under IFR, turbulence increased; winishield ioing end lightning was observed; 30 sec in hall. Lat-down approved. Flow into clear 20 sec after hall.  |

<sup>\*</sup>Fictures of hail damagn in these cases are shown in figures 18 to 21.
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TABLE III. - CASE EISTORIES OF MAIL DOWNER TO MILITARY AIRCLASSS - Concluded.

|      | Venther co  | nditions during e   | ecounter  | -   | Estimated                 |   |   |
|------|---|---|---|---|---------------------------|---|---|
| Caso | Heil with<br>respect to cloud   | Evesive action<br>by pilot  | Associated<br>wather<br>phenomena   | General veether situation   | freezing<br>lavel<br>(ft) | Constructive remarks  | Additional notes  |
| •16  | Through edge of<br>thundaretors. In<br>cloud 5 min. Bail<br>30 sec.   | 40° right term.   | Severe turbulance.  | Northeast-southwest cold front<br>pasced area. Thunderstowns associated<br>with cold front. Air mass unstable<br>below freezing level, but dries out<br>above.  | 12,000                    | Depress foresestery to use the slice nethod<br>with frontal passage to improve thundarstoms<br>forecasts. Cantium priors to heep aircraft<br>radar in operation and use it before flying<br>through frontal activity.   | Kone  |
| *17  | In roll closd and<br>adge of thunderstorm.<br>Mail started & min<br>after entering closd.   | None.   | Bain started upon<br>entering cloud.<br>Extreme turbulence<br>with altitude<br>variations of<br>400 ft. | Mostly sir-mas thusdarstorms. A<br>cold frunt to the east could have<br>onbenced activity. Air seas<br>unstable scough to produce thusdar-<br>storms with good besting. Even<br>more unstable to the south.                               | 12,000                    | Osution forecaster to consider carefully thousarston forecaste. Express pilots to listen to range watter reports. Advise pilots to report by radio all unusual waster encountered.  | Mailstones the size of golf balls and<br>stated 12 in. deep wars reported on<br>ground at Red Lodge, Mont, at<br>1800 MST. Mail path 1/8 mile by<br>20 alles was reported at Columbus,<br>Monte, between 1600 and 1630 MST. |
|      | Into edge of thunder-<br>storm. In oldest and<br>tarbulence eres for<br>5 min. Rail 60 sec.<br>Hail size of golf<br>ball. Hoise terrific. | 100° left turn. Play long way to north to get around equal! line. | Severe turbulence.<br>Violent updraft<br>from 16,000 to<br>80,000 ft.                                   | No frosts. This sir, mas had been producing thunderstorms over the area for the park h days. Beary thunderstorms should have been forcoast by considering the radiosomic.   | 14,000                    | advise pilots that in group flights air-<br>craft with resar should lead group through<br>intense thenderstowns. Forecast to pilot<br>unknown.  | None .  |
| *19  | Under overheng of<br>thouselesters, Heil<br>SO see, Heil on<br>ground at airport.   | 90° left turn<br>descending at<br>destination,                    | None reported.  | Seems to be air-was thunderstorn,<br>but flight was made parallel to<br>east-wast work cold front farther<br>to the east,   | 12,000                    | Bedar availability and use unknown. Warm fore-<br>castars that bail should be considered when<br>brising pilose for flights through intense<br>thendarwism areas. Impress all personnel with<br>the importance of immediate and accounts dissemi-<br>nation of musual wather phononous. | Both USAB and USAF take weather<br>observations at Empid City.<br>USAF operates control tower.<br>CAA operates radio range.   |
|      | In edge of commune<br>cloud. Heil 15 to<br>30 sec.  | Home,   | No rain. No<br>turbulence.<br>Severe to moderate<br>radio statio.                                       | Sonitered thunderstorms osumed by<br>pro-cold fronted conditions. Air<br>mass was such that heating alone<br>should not produce thunderstorms.<br>Housely sequence did not report any<br>rain or thunderstorms; only tovoring<br>commiss. | 15,000                    | Advise pilots with no instrument rating to<br>stay well clear or clouds. Warn pilots<br>that clouds of vertical development and<br>carries can be obscured by surrounding<br>cloud decks.   | Kone  |
| en.  | Under cloud base in<br>light rain, Eail<br>15 sec.  | None, Later<br>skirted shower<br>area,                            | light rain.   | East-west warm front to south moving<br>north. Air mess through Missouri<br>unstable with some dry layers;<br>enough to set off thunderstoens with<br>warm frontal lifting and heating.   | 12,000                    | Unevoidable.  | Note .  |
|      | In sloud. Hail<br>30 sec. Laft<br>cloud 90 sec after<br>hail stopped.   | approval to let   | Moderate turbu-<br>lance. Wind-<br>shield iding,<br>Lightning,  | Probably an east moving upper cold<br>front was passing the area. Air-<br>mas information not evailable.  | 14,500                    | Unspreidable by pilot. Appreciable hall was reported on ground in Wyoning and Diness on this data. Impress ground personnel to transmit hall information to pilots and forecasters.   | No hall was encountered by another<br>aircraft flying & mile to the north at<br>approximately the some time.  |

\*Pictures of hall demage in these cases are shown in figures 18 to 21.



TABLE IV .- INCOMPLETE CASE HISTORIES OF MAIL DAMAGE TO TRANSPORT AIRPLANES

| Case       | Type of sirplens | Date                            | Location  | Paka go   | Weather situation                            | Additional information  |
|------------|------------------|---------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| 23         | Douglas<br>DC-6  | June 21, 1948<br>0100 CST       | SE. South Dakota;<br>Sioux Falls                      | Appreciable repair aceded.  | East-west stationary<br>warm front to south. | Thying west.  |
| 와          | Douglas<br>DC-4  | Sept. 7, 1946<br>About 1400 CST | SW. Mebruska;<br>Eayes Centor                         | Noso, wing, stabilizors, clova-<br>tors, cowling, navigation lights,<br>and pitot tube.                   | Fortheast-southwost cold front.              | Wail 30 and at 9,000 ft MET.  |
| 25         | Douglas<br>DO-3  | May 13, 1940<br>After 2200 MBT  | HE. Vyoning;<br>Pino Bluffs                           | Right side of fuscings. Right cabin windows cracked.  | Air mass.                                    | Pilot skirting large thundarstorm located on left.<br>Hail fell from extensive overhams. Tangerine-size<br>hail reported on ground nearby.  |
| 26         | Douglas<br>*DG-3 | June 1940                       | 5E. Hontana;<br>Hilos City                            | Hose and leading edge of ving.<br>Windshield broken. Engine Sush-<br>red bousing dented.                  | Unknoszt.                                    | Pilot angling into storm, oncountered hall for a<br>very short time as he made immediate turn out of<br>the hall area.  |
| <b>£</b> 7 | Douglas<br>*DC-3 | April 20, 1944                  | Abilene   | Wavigational lights broken.   | East-west cold front.                        | Yose.   |
| 26         | Douglas<br>*DO-3 | June 9, 1944                    | SW. Tome;<br>Quedalupe Page                           | Landing lights and windshield.  | Air mage.                                    | Hone.   |
| 29         | Douglas<br>*DC-3 | March 19, 1945                  | ***SC. Kanoas;<br>Anthony                             | Rearly all components of plane damaged.   | Morthcast-southwest<br>cold front.           | After encountering bail apparently in thunderstors,<br>pilot made immediate right turn. Hail 40 sec at<br>10,000 ft MML.  |
| 90         | Douglas<br>*DC-3 | July 10, 1945<br>About 1500 EST | E. Pannsylvania;<br>Summit Will                       | Vings and stabilizors. Emerous<br>dents all over plane. Engine<br>damage.                                 | Morthcast-southwest<br>cold front.           | Apparently flew into thendorstorn. Heavy updraft with bail. 15 see of heavy hail at 9,000 ft MRL  |
| 31.        | Douglas<br>DO-3  | Aug. 19, 1945<br>About 0900 NST | 8. Wyoming;<br>Between Cheyenno<br>and Salt Lake City | Elevators atripped. Holes in both<br>allerons; cabin windows cracked on<br>right side. Dents in fuscingo. | Air mass or pre-cold<br>frontal activity,    | Hone.   |
| 352        | Donglas<br>*DC-3 | Doc. 24, 1945                   | ****O. Arkansas;<br>Pine Blaff                        | Landing lights broken.  | Northeast-seathwest<br>cold front.           | None.   |
| 33         | Douglas<br>*DG-3 | March 12, 1946                  | em Antonio  | Loading edges of wings and stab-<br>ilizers. Landing lights broken.                                       | Forth-scath upper<br>cold front.             | Hono.   |
| 34         | Douglas<br>DO-3  | April 10, 1946                  | EE. Toxos;<br>Dallas                                  | Holes in left elevator.   | East-west post cold<br>front.                | Nogo.   |
| 55         | Douglas<br>*DO-3 | June 11, 1947                   | E. Ohio;<br>En roste to<br>Pittsburgh                 | Four tears in upper side of both elevators.   | Air mass; maybe stationary front to south.   | Through sowers hall and thunderstorm.   |
| 36         | Douglas<br>*DO-3 | Ang. 27, 1949<br>1510 MST       | SE. Wyoning;<br>15 miles il. of<br>Larmate            | Windshields and astroions broken,<br>Minor dents in leading edge of<br>wings and nose.                    | Forth-south<br>stationary front.             | Sighted rainshower over Lountainous terrain while<br>under VFR conditions at 8,500 ft MML. Encountered<br>hill briefly while aircummingating shower. Pilot<br>made on immediate turn. |
| 37         | Douglas<br>*DC-3 | Feb. 21, 1950<br>1650 CET       | 80 miles W. of<br>Ft. Smith, Ark.                     | Paint off propellers.   | Wortheast-continuent cold front,             | Entered mild thunderntorm. Bail only light. Fo pilot action becomeny. Bail for 30 sec at 6,000 ft MEL.  |
| 38         | Pecch<br>D183    | April 23, 1949<br>1630 EST      | 6E. Virginia;<br>Forfolk                              | Windshield broken. Other demogrammen.   | Cold front or pre-<br>frontal equall line.   | Other sirorait in some area avoided bail by changing ocurso. Endotones approximately \$\frac{1}{2}\$ by \$1\frac{1}{2}\$ inches observed 6 siles northwest from some atom.            |

For evaluation perposes the Douglas simplanes DC-3, C-47, and B4D are all also ified as Douglas DC-3.

\*\*For evaluation perposes the Beach simplanes D183, JFB, and C-45 are all else of free D183.

\*\*C refers to control.



| TABLE V INCOMPLETE CASE EIGHORIES OF HAIL | DANAGE TO MILITARY AND HISCRIJANEOUS AIRPLANDS |
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|---|--|

| Case | Type of airplana   | Date                      | Location   | Darage   | Westher situation   | Additional information   |
|------|--|---------------------------|--|--|---|--|
| 39   | Rosing R-69  | May 17, 1949<br>1439 CMT  | <sup>#ਬ</sup> ਹ. Oklahoma;<br>5 miles ਜੋਚੋ. of<br>Amadarko | Leading edge of wing and stabilisers.<br>Engine covilings. Bembardier's window<br>cracked.   | Air-mess thenderstorms<br>developed in a north-<br>south line.  | Plying wast-southwest. Entered IFR conditions 55 miles MSW. of Oklahous City at 3,000 ft MSL and started to clish. Encountered light main which changed quickly to light than heavy hell for 2 min between 6,000 and 5,000 ft. Broken into clear at 10,000 ft.   |
| 40   | Booing B-17  | April 1, 1949<br>1930 Car | Onlf of Hextoo;<br>好知 miles 形, of<br>Hobile, Ala.          | Minor dants on fairings and propeller.<br>Windshield and astrodoms broken.   | Hortheast-southwest<br>cold front.  | Flying northeast. Engine power was reduced and other procentions taken before entering cold front. Encountered moderate turbulence and heavy rain, followed by severe turbulence, hail and continuous lightning for 10 min at 5,000 ft MSL.  |
| 41   | North American<br>B-Q5   | April 6, 1948<br>1930 CHT | **ED. Hissouris<br>40 miles HE. of<br>Springfield          | Hoss glass, liming lights and cowling.   | Air mas.  | VFR alsarance through area of severe turbulence for 15 min.  |
| 42   | North American<br>B-25   | June 3, 1949<br>1500 Horr | **MU. How Mactico;<br>15 miles ME. or<br>Las Yegas         | Minor dents in leading edge of vings.<br>Rose placiglass broken.   | East-west sold front.   | Flying south waser VFR conditions. Thundarstorms forecast en route. Turned left to avoid small rain shower in front of thundarstorm at 9,000 ft MEL. Incontered half for 15 sec in clear. Storm centar estimated & miles to right with base 5,000 ft above ground. Cut power and made 180° turn out of hall.   |
| N3   | North American<br>3-25   | July 15, 1949<br>1880 Cer | ME. Colorado;<br>10 miles W. of<br>Arlington               | Leading edge of wings and stabilizers.<br>Hose and engine cowlings. Pilot<br>canopy broken.  | Air mae.  | Flying northwest under VFR conditions at 7,900 ft<br>MML. Thunderhead observed 10 miles sheed. When<br>3 miles from necreat cloud, hall was smoomtered<br>for 30 to 45 sec. Pilot made a shallow diving<br>turn to laft.   |
| 44   | Forth American<br>3-25   | Oct. 10, 1949<br>1300 CST | N. Thomas<br>90 miles ES. of<br>Pampa ,                    | Hose and all leading odges of wing<br>and stabilizers. Various gless<br>light covers broken.                                       | Northesst-southwest<br>stationry front south-<br>east of are with a<br>second cold front moving<br>in from northwest. | Flying porthwest under IFR conditions. Flight at 12,000 ft MEL between stratus-cloud decks and then into stratus. Strong cross wind from laft. Encountered rain, changing to sleet and amow, with mild turbulence changing to noderate, than into bail with heavy rain and snow. Updrast carried plane to 13,000 ft, then in updraft to 13,000 ft. Violent turbulance and half for 5 to A min. During these swere conditions pilot made 1800 turn and returned to 12,000 ft. |
| 45   | Lockheed F-80  | May 31, 1949<br>1530 057  | M. Louisiana;<br>10 miles V. of<br>Mustem                  | Control surfaces, intake ducts, and<br>stabilizers damaged. Lightning<br>damaged trailing edge of right<br>horisontal stabilizers. | Air mos.  | Four planned penetrations of a thunderstorn were made over a 40-min period to test equipment. Altitude 24,500 to 25,000 ft HEL; IAS 230 to 300 mph. Lightning and noderate turbulence. Ball was not detected during flight and no unusual soles was heard. VHF equipment was not affected by electrical disturbances.  |
| *146 | Casans Bobes's<br>type   | April 9, 1944             | f. Texas;<br>Parps   | Wood and/or fabric of 196 aircraft damaged.  | North-south cold front.   | Hase organisations warned of high vines. Hangar<br>space not symilable. Mail 1 in, in dissector for<br>60 sec.   |
| 47   | 2 - Douglas DC-4<br>2 - Douglas DC-3<br>9 - Consolidated<br>Valtee ET-13 | Hmy 13, 1946              | EH. Texas;<br>Ft. Worth                                    | Holes in elevators and stabilizers.  | Northeast-posthwest<br>stationary front south-<br>east of area.   | None.  |

Designed on ground.

TABLE VI. - ADDITIONAL CASE HISTORIES OF HAIL DAMAGE TO ATRPLANES

| Case  | Type of<br>airplane    | Date                       | Location  | Demage   | Altitude<br>(ft HEL) | Additional information   |
|-------|------------------------|----------------------------|---|--|----------------------|--|
| 101   | Boeing<br>B-50         | May 8, 1950<br>1930 EST    | *EC. Nebraska;<br>20 miles 8. of Omaha            | Substantial - 13 pictures of damage available. | 6,500                | IFR Olearance: Hail encountered during climb after take-off.   |
| 102   | Boeing<br>B-50         | June 12, 1950<br>0100 HHT  | 85. South Dekota;<br>6 miles NEW. of Souir Falls  | Substantial - 20 pictures of damage evailable. | 15,000               | IVE Clearance: Hail encountered during climb<br>through cold front with radar in operation.                                  |
| 103   | Boeing<br>B-29         | June 11, 1951<br>1730 CER  | EO. Texas;<br>40 miles N. of Waco                 | Substantial - No pictures available.           | 12,500               | IVE Clearance.   |
| 104   | Boeing<br>B-29         | Aug. 31, 1951<br>1655 OFF  | *C. Kancas;<br>Kanopolis                          | Substantial - No pictures<br>available.        | 25,000               | ITS Clearance: Circumnavigating thunderstorm<br>with radar in operation; windshield damage<br>caused decompression of cabin. |
| 105   | Boeing<br>B-29         | Feb. 1, 1952<br>1630 09T   | *O. Texas;<br>10 miles WBW. of Oleburne           | Substantial - 7 pictures of damage available.  | 19,000               | DR Clearance: Radar in operation; windshield damage caused decompression of cabin.   |
| 106   | North American<br>B-25 | Feb. 12, 1950<br>2103 08T  | ME. Texas;<br>15 miles W. of Dallas               | Substantial - 4 pictures of damage available.  | 6,000                | IFR Clearance.   |
| 107   | Forth American<br>B-25 | May 11, 1950<br>1540 MBT   | W. Texas;<br>30 miles E. of El Paso               | Substantial - 7 pictures of damage available.  | 12,000               | IFR Clearence.   |
| 108   | North American<br>B-25 | May 13, 1950<br>1735 OST   | *C. Texas;<br>5 miles WMW. of Abilane             | Substantial - 11 pictures of damage available. | 5,000                | TFR Clearance.   |
| 109   | Worth American<br>B-25 | June 20, 1950<br>1535 087  | C. Oklahom;                                       | Substantial - 5 picture of demage available.   | 3,500                | VFR Clearance: Circumnavigating under cumulonimbus cloud.  |
| 110 · | Worth American<br>B-25 | June 21, 1951<br>1956 H2T  | *BC. Colorado;<br>70 miles ESE, of Denver         | Substantial - 6 pictures of demage available.  | 5,600                | IFR Clearance.   |
| ш     | North American<br>B-25 | Sept. 11, 1951<br>2010 CST | W. Texas;<br>50 miles 655. of Wink                | Substantial - 4 pictures of damage evailable.  | 9,000                | VFR Clearance.   |
| 118   | Douglas<br>B-26        | Hay 11, 1950<br>1460 MST   | *BC. New Mexico;<br>30 miles N. of El Paso, Texas | Substantial - 6 pictures of demage evailable.  | 6,000                | VRF Clearance.   |
| 113   | North American<br>P-51 | Mar. 24, 1950<br>1820 OST  | *C. Alabema;<br>Birminghem                        | Substantial - 4 pictures of damage available.  | Unknown              | IFR Clearance changed to VFR: Hail encountered during descent from 22,000 ft.  |
| 114   | Lockheed<br>F-80       | May 19, 1950<br>1540 EST   | 8. South Carolina;<br>30 miles N. of Bayannah     | Substantial - 6 pictures of damage available.  | 30,000               | VFR Clearence changed to IFR: Bail encountered in the vicinity of cold front.  |
| 115   | Republic<br>P-84       | Apr. 3, 1950<br>1108 CST   | WC. Arkaneas;<br>Fort Smith                       | Substantial - 6 pictures of damage available.  | 23,000               | IFR Clearance.   |
| 116   | Republic<br>7-84       | June 5, 1951<br>1420 1697  | EC. Hew Mexico<br>50 miles W. of Tucumcari        | Substantial - 5 pictures of drange available.  | 25,000               | VFH Clearance changed to IFE: Two aircraft in formation flight.  |

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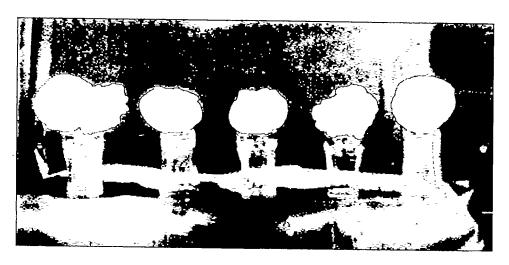
TABLE VI. - ADDITIONAL CASE HISTORIES OF HAIL DAMAGE TO AIRPLANES - Concluded

| Case | Type of<br>airplane         | Date                             | Location  | Damage   | Altitude<br>(ft MSL) | Additional information  |
|------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|---|--|----------------------|---|
| 1177 | Republic<br>F-84            | June 5, 1951<br>1420 MST         | *EC. New Marico;<br>50 miles W. of Tucummari                | Substantial - 5 pictures of damage available.  | 25,000               | VFR Clearance changed to IFR: Two aircraft in formation flight.   |
| 178  | North American<br>F-86      | June 19, 1951<br>1520 EST        | I. Maine;<br>5 miles IV. of Linestone                       | Substantial - 5 pictures of damage available.  | 8,000                | VFR Clearance.  |
| 119  | Beech<br>AT-7               | Apr. 21, 1951<br>1550 CST        | *BC. Louisiana;<br>25 miles E. of Lafayette                 | Substantial - 5 pictures of damage available.  | 8,000                | IFR Clearance.  |
| 150  | Beech<br>AT-11              | May 23, 1951<br>1810 CST         | W. Texas;<br>20 miles W. of Sanderson                       | Substantial - 4 pictures of damage available.  | 2,900                | VFR Clearance.  |
| 191  | Lockbood<br>T-33            | Sept. 1, 1951<br>1415 CST        | 65. Alabama;<br>Troy  | Substantial - 6 pictures of demage available.  | 30,000               | IFR Clearance.  |
| 122  | Beech<br>C-45               | Aug. 21, 1950<br>1635 MST        | *0. New Mexico;<br>-20 miles SW. of Las Vegas               | Substantial - 5 pictures of damage available.  | 7,000                | VFR Clearance.  |
| 123  | Cu <del>rti</del> ≤<br>C-46 | May 14, 1950<br>1610 OBT         | *EC. Mississippi;<br>15 miles 8. of Columbus                | Substantial - 10 pictures of damage available. | 5,000                | IFE Clearance.  |
| 124  | Fairchild<br>0-82           | July 10, 1991<br>1508 MST        | *BC. Wyoming;<br>80 miles W. of Rawlins                     | Substantial - 3 pictures of damage available.  | 12,000               | IFE Clearence.  |
| 125  | Douglas<br>DC-6             | Apr. 29, 1950<br>1200 CST        | *C. Louisiana;<br>Baton Rouge                               | Substantial                                    | 14,000               | Hail small at first but quickly changed to large stones.  |
| 186  | Douglas<br>DO-6             | <b>Жау</b> 29, 1950              | . Unknown<br>(Botween Onkland, Calif.<br>and Chicago, Ill.) | Substantial                                    | Unknown              | None.   |
| 127  | Douglas<br>C-39             | May 19, 1950<br>1930 CST         | FE. Mexico;<br>60 miles 8. of Victoria                      | Substantial                                    | 6,000                | Mone.   |
| 128  | Boeing<br>C-97              | July 22, 1951<br>1705 (ME        | Luxembourg;<br>90 miles SW. of Rhein<br>Main Air Base       | Substantial - 8 pictures of damage available.  | 8,000                | THE Clearance from Rhein Main Air Base<br>Germany to Lages Axores TAS 220 mph.                              |
| 129  | Lookheed<br>F-80            | May 28, 1951<br>1635 Korean Time | Japan;<br>Konehu  | Substantial - 3 pictures of damage available.  | 22,000               | WTE Clearance.  |
| 130  | Avro York                   | July 9, 1949<br>1705 Ler         | 8. America;<br>8. Brazil                                    | Substantial                                    | 8,500                | Smooth during hail encounter. Hail began<br>1 win. after entering "strataform" cloud.<br>Temperature 11° C. |
| 131  | De Havilland<br>Mosquito    | May 11, 1945<br>after 1500 GMT   | 8. England  | Substantial                                    | 4,500                | Hail encountered during descent through a break. 30 sec. in cloud. Stones on ground size of golf balls.     |

<sup>\*</sup>C refers to central.



(a) Actual size of hailstones which fell at Washington, D. C., on April 28, 1938. (From reference 5.)



(b) Hailstones which fell at Potter, Nebraska, on July 6, 1928, on 10-ounce glass tumblers. Hailstone at extreme right measured 17 inches in circumference (5.4 inches in diameter) and weighed  $1\frac{1}{2}$  pounds. (From reference 6.)

Figure 1. - Photographs of typical forms of large hailstones.



(c) Hailstones which fell in Czechoslovakia on June 13, 1946. (From unpublished manuscript by Dr. Helmut Weickmann.)

Figure 1.- Concluded.

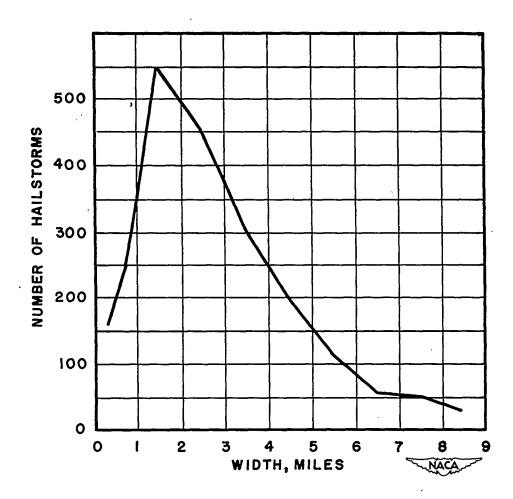
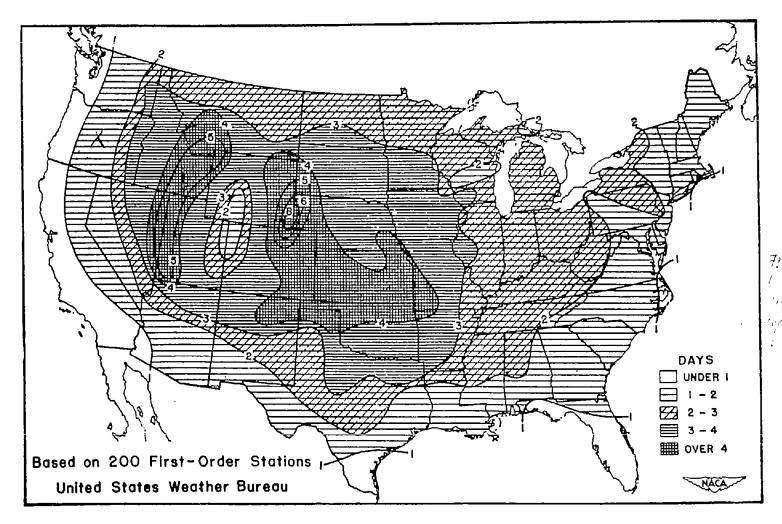
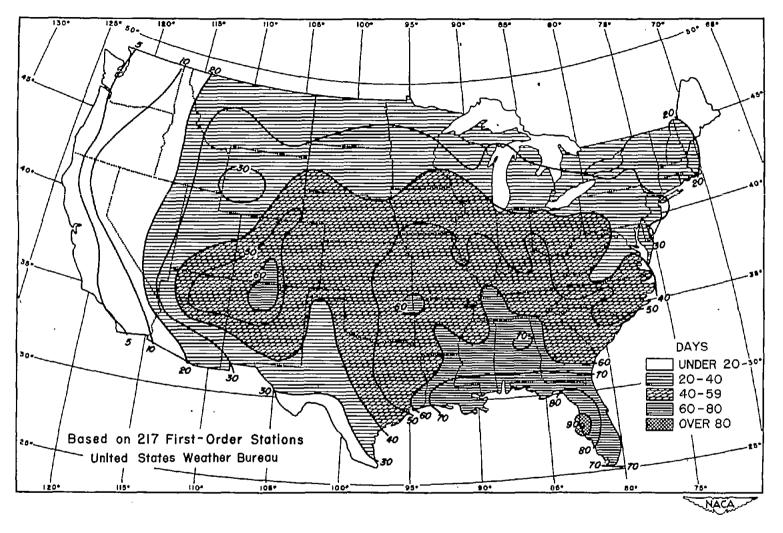


Figure 2.- Width of path of damaging hailstorms based on 2105 hailstorms from 1924 to 1939. (From reference 10.)



(a) Average annual number of days with hail for years 1899 to 1938. (From reference 13.)

Figure 3.- Annual hail distribution and thunderstorm distribution over continental United States.



(b) Average annual number of days with thunderstorms for years 1904 to 1943. (From reference 12.)

Figure 3.- Concluded.

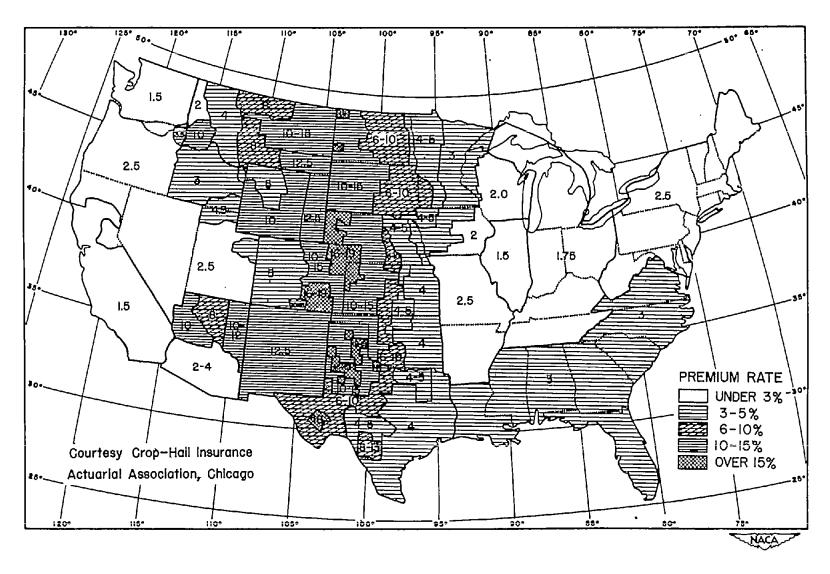


Figure 4.- The 1950 crop-hail insurance rates. (Rates shown are for basic crops such as wheat, oats, corn, and so forth, and are adjusted to uniform policy basis.)

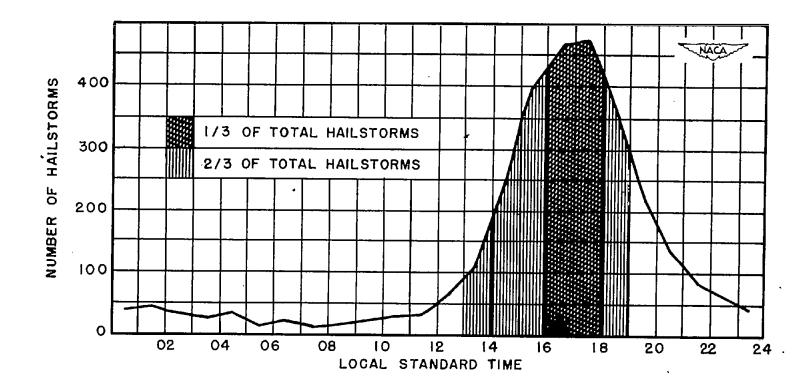
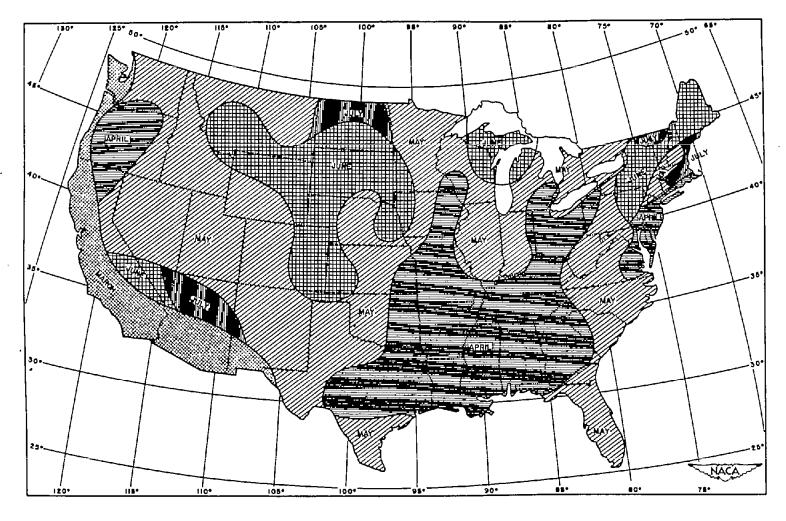
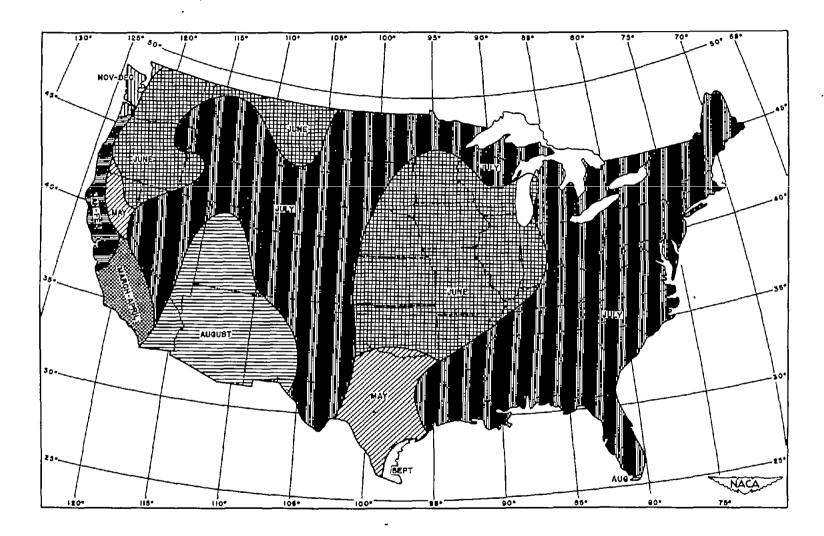


Figure 5.- Hourly distribution of damaging hailstorms. Based on 2335 hailstorms from 1924 to 1939. (Adapted from reference 10.)



(a) Hailstorm distribution.

Figure 6.- Geographical distribution of the months normally having the most hailstorms and those having the most thunderstorms. (Adapted from reference 12.)



(b) Thunderstorm distribution.

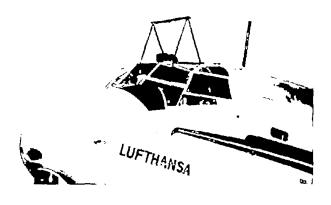
Figure 6.- Concluded.

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Figure 7.- Hail 2 feet deep which fell during a thunderstorm at Trinidad, Colorado, June 14, 1937. (From reference 20.)

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(a) Ice collection rake located over (b) Three cylinders of collection cockpit.

rake as seen from inside of cockpit.

Figure 8.- Photographs of the ice collection rake used in German ice research on Junker Ju 90 aircraft.





Figure 9.- Opaque ice deposits obtained in strato-cumulus clouds at temperature of -13° C. Cloud-droplet radius, 4.5 microns.

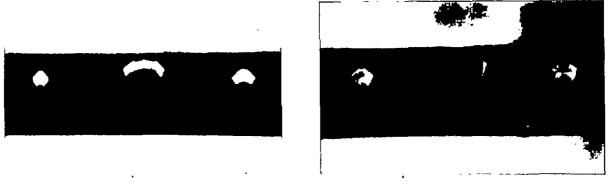
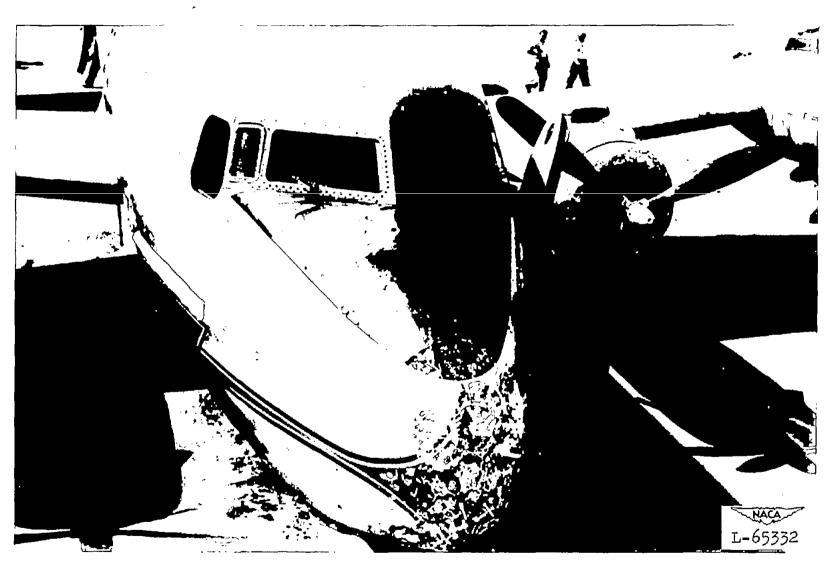


Figure 10.- Opaque ice deposits obtained in alto-cumulus clouds at temperature of -13°C. Cloud-droplet radius, 5 to 7 microns.



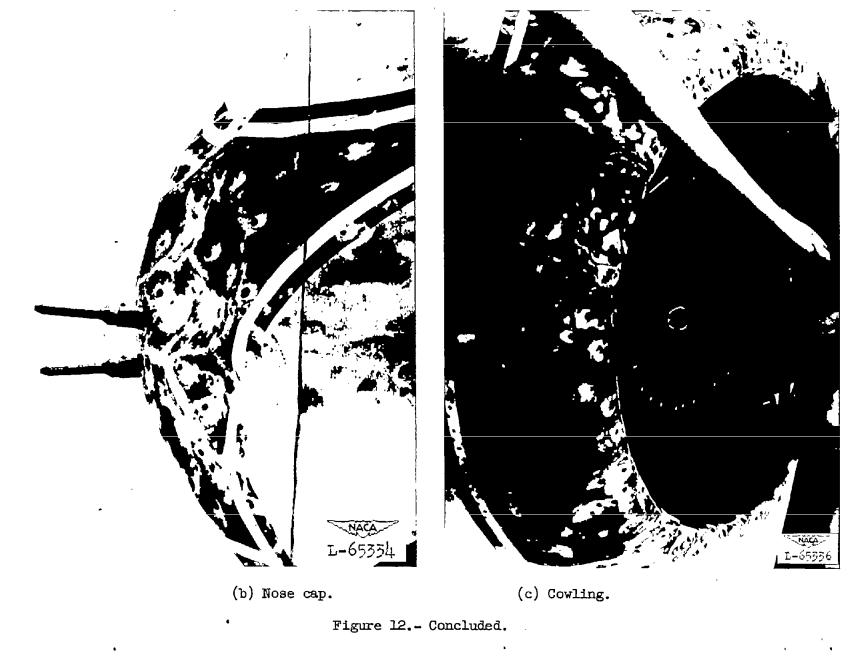
Figure 11.- Clear ice deposits obtained in the upper part of stratus clouds near  $0^{\circ}$  C. Cloud-droplet radius, 8 to 9 microns.

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(a) Nose section, fuselage over cockpit, engine cowling 2, and spinner.

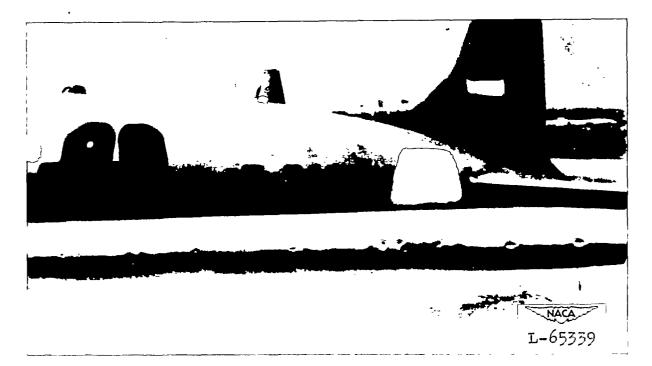
Figure 12.- Hail case 1. DC-6 airplane. (Time in hail 15 sec; TAS 270 mph.)



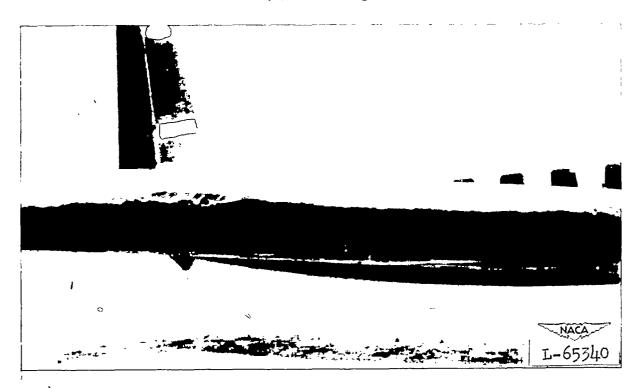


(a) Nose section, fuselage over cockpit, and engine cowlings 2 and 3.

Figure 13.- Hail case 3. DC-6 airplane. (Time in hail 2 to 3 min; TAS 295 mph.)



(b) Left wing.



(c) Right wing.

Figure 13.- Continued.



(d) Vertical stabilizer.

(e) Engine 1. Cowling, spinner, and propeller.

Figure 13.- Concluded.



(a) Nose section and fuselage above cockpit. (Windshield has been replaced.)

Figure 14.- Hail case 7. DC-6 airplane. (Time in hail 60 sec; TAS 360 mph.)

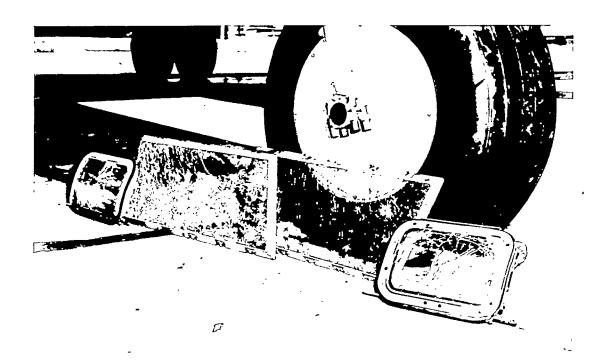
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(b) Engine 3. Cowling and spinner. Figure 14.- Continued. L-65354





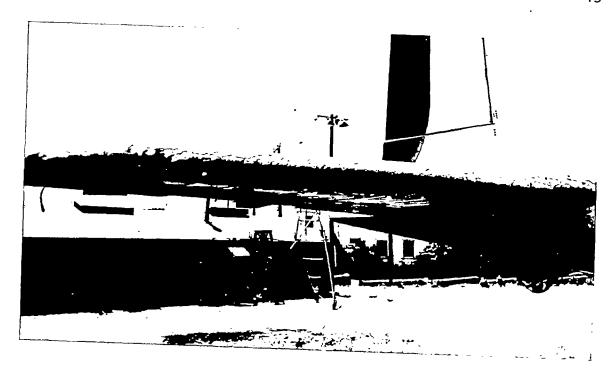
(c) Inner panel of main windshield and curved direct-vision windows.



(d) Loop-antenna housings.

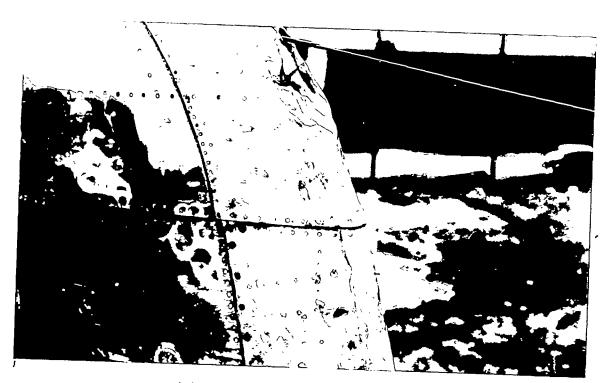
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(e) Right horizontal stabilizer.





(f) Top of vertical stabilizer.
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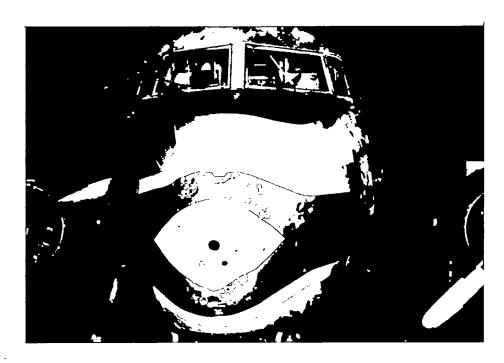


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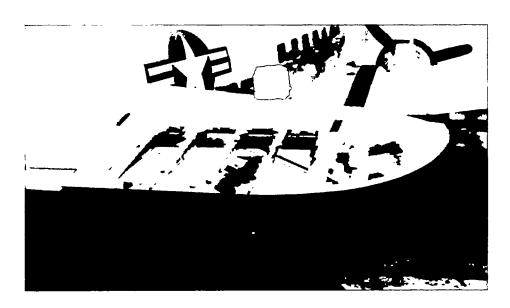
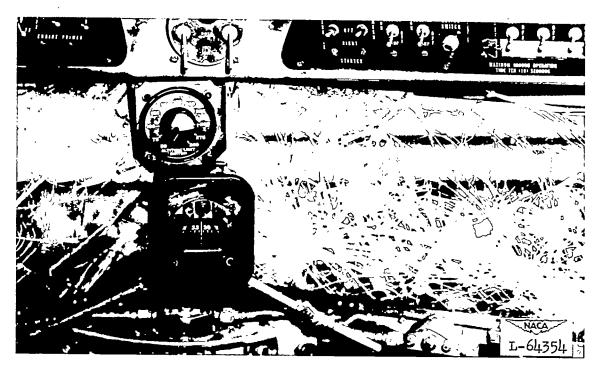


Figure 16.- Hail case 14. DC-3 airplane. Right elevator. unknown; TAS 170 mph.)

(Time in hail



(a) Nose section, windshield, and top of fuselage.



(b) Windshield from inside of cockpit.

Figure 17.- Hail case 11. DC-3 airplane. (Time in hail 40 sec; TAS 225 mph.)

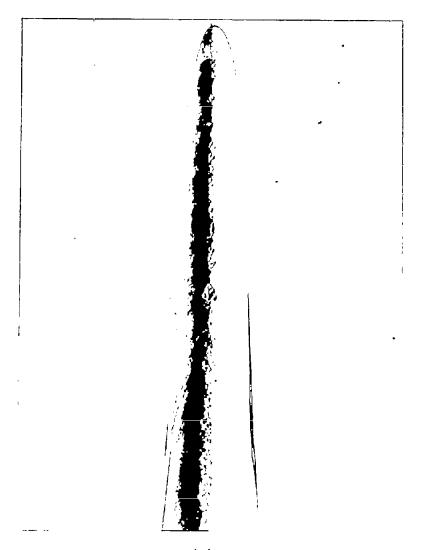


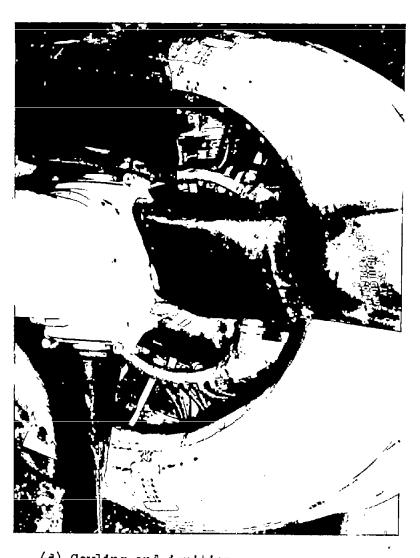
(a) Leading edge of right wing.



(b) Right horizontal stabilizer.

Figure 18.- Hail case 16. B-29 airplane. (Time in hail 30 sec; TAS 200 mph.)





(c) Vertical stabilizer.

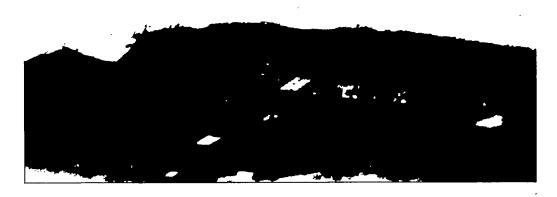
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(d) Cowling and ignition harness of engine 1.

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(a) Right-wing tip.

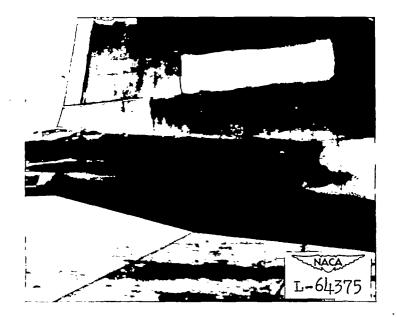




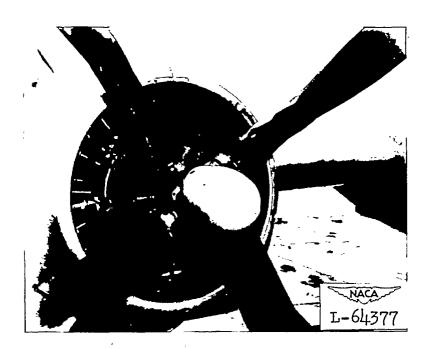
(b) Right-horizontal-stabilizer tip.

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Figure 19.- Hail case 17. B-29 airplane. (Time in hail unknown; TAS 220 mph.)



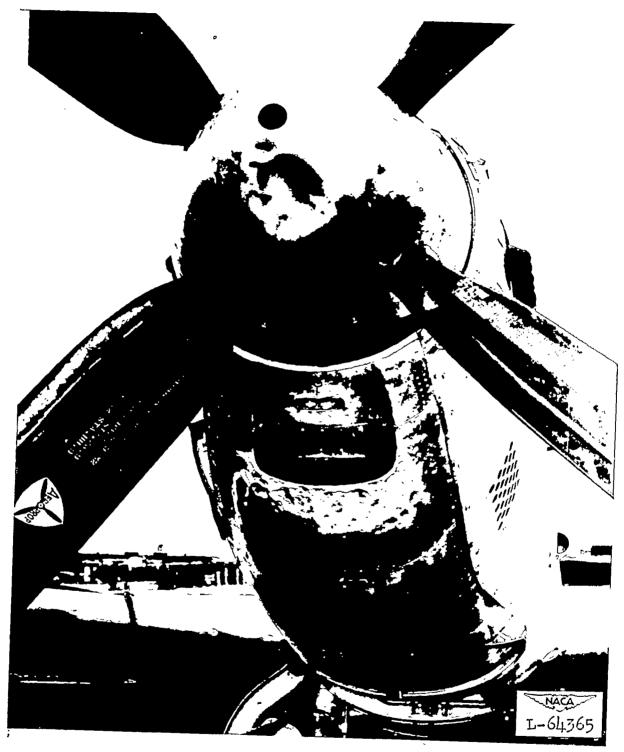
(a) Right-horizontal-stabilizer tip.



(b) Spinner and propeller cuff. Engine 2.

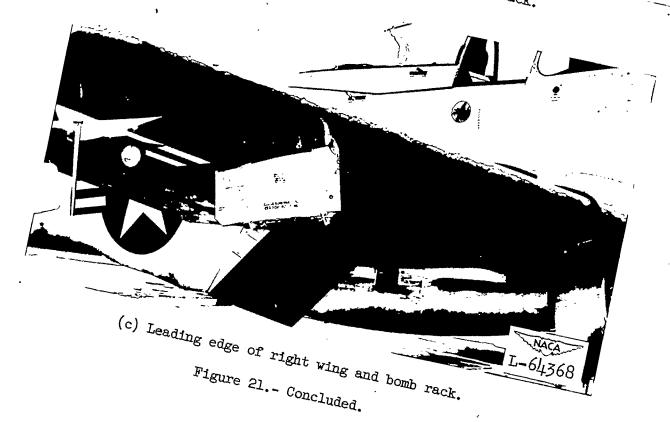
Figure 20.- Hail case 19. B-29 airplane. (Time in hail 20 sec; TAS 265 mph.)

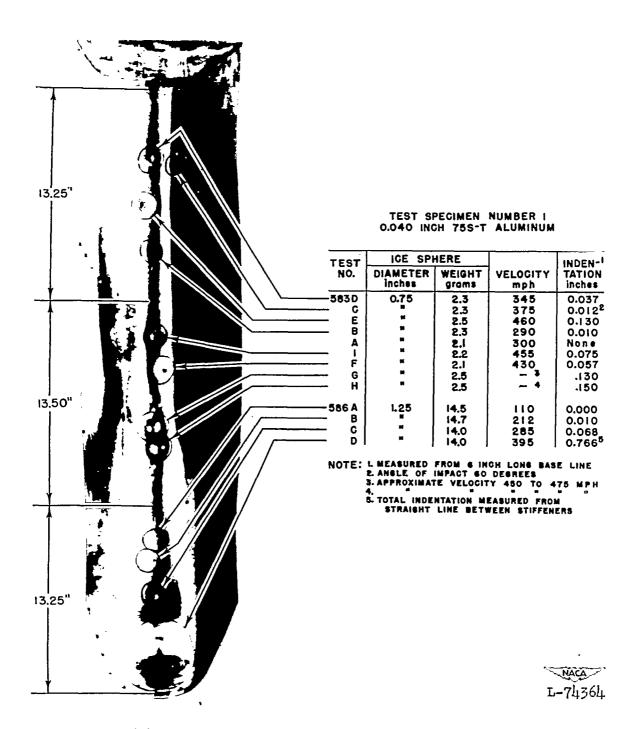
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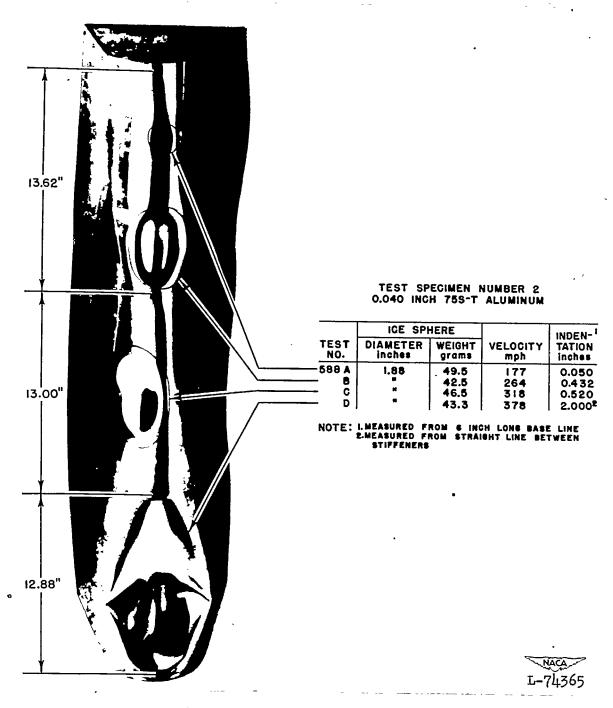
Figure 21.- Hail case 22. F-82 airplane. (Time in hail 30 sec; TAS 305 mph.)





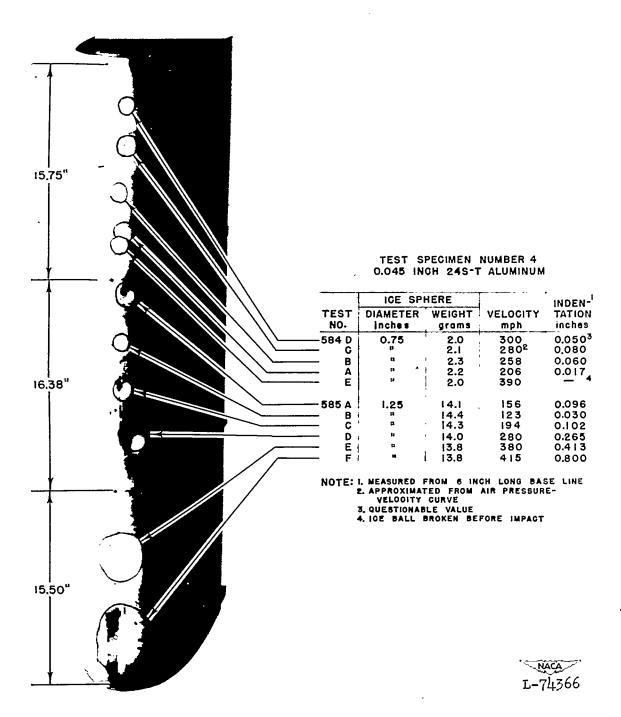
(a) For 0.75- and 1.25-inch-diameter ice spheres.

Figure 22.- Results of the impact tests on 0.040-inch 75S-T aluminum (DC-6) wing section. (From reference 40.)



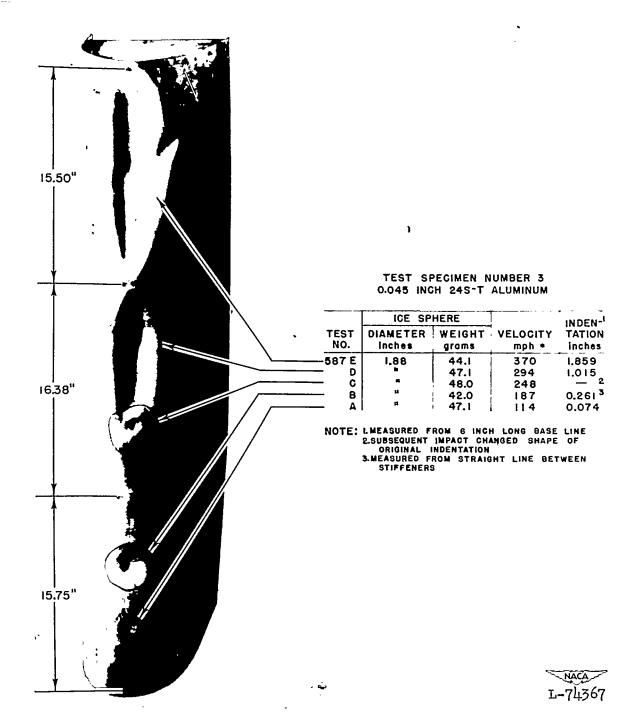
(b) For 1.88-inch-diameter ice spheres.

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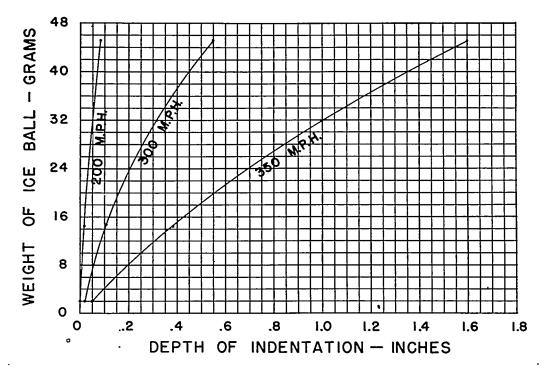
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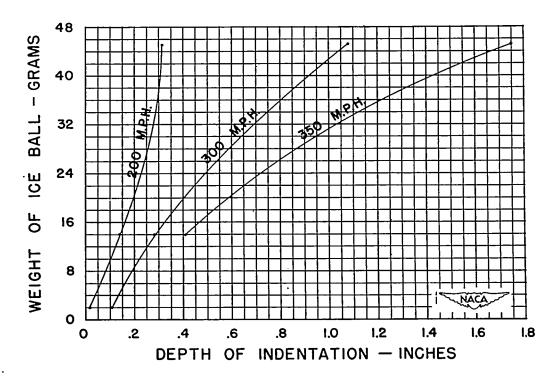


(b) For 1.88-inch-diameter ice spheres.

Figure 23.- Concluded.



(a) 0.040-inch 75S-T aluminum. DC-6 airplane.



(b) 0.045-inch 24S-T aluminum. DC-3 airplane.

Figure 24. - Effect of impact velocity on the extent of hail damage to aluminum wing sections. (From reference 40.)

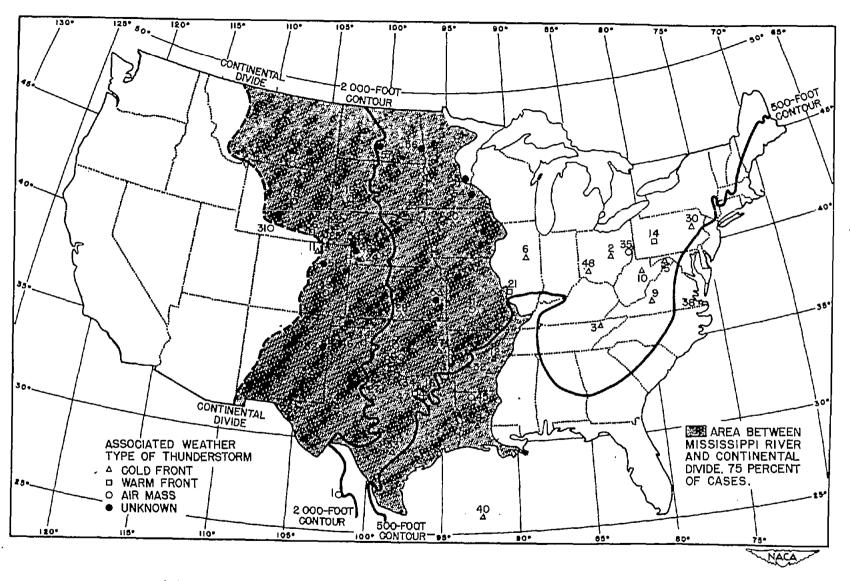
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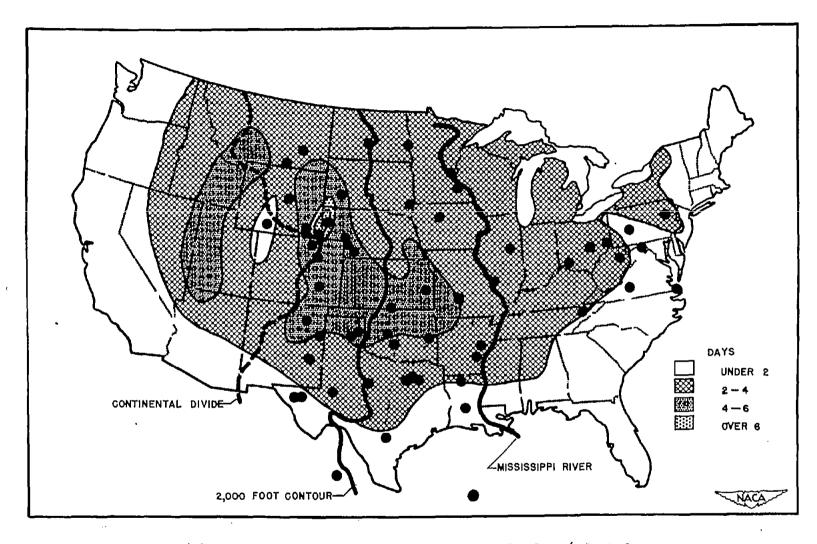
(a) Location of 57 cases. (Number of each location indicates case number from tables II to IV.)

Figure 25.- Location where hail damaged airplanes in flight.



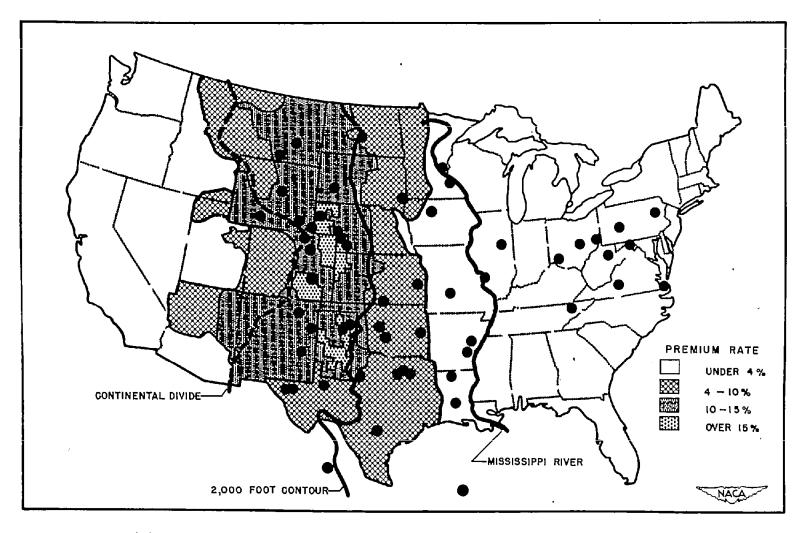
(b) Location of 83 cases. (These cases include the 57 accidents included in fig. 25(a) plus 26 additional cases added after completion of the analysis.)

Figure 25.- Concluded.



(a) Chart of average number of days with hail. (Adapted from figs. 3(a) and 25.)

Figure 26.- Distribution of 57 cases where hail damaged airplanes superimposed on charts showing annual distributions of hail and crop-hail insurance rates.



(b) Chart of crop-hail premium rates. (Adapted from figs. 4 and 25.)

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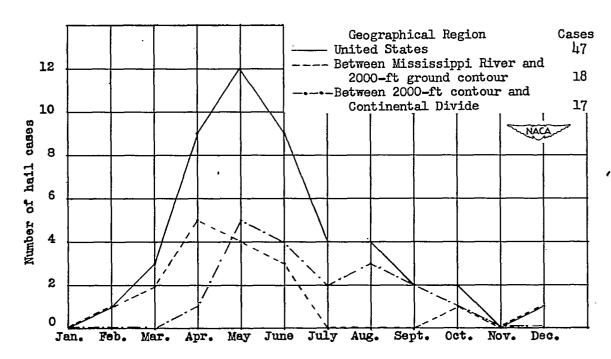


Figure 27.- Monthly distribution of hail damage to 47 aircraft with respect to geographical location in the United States.

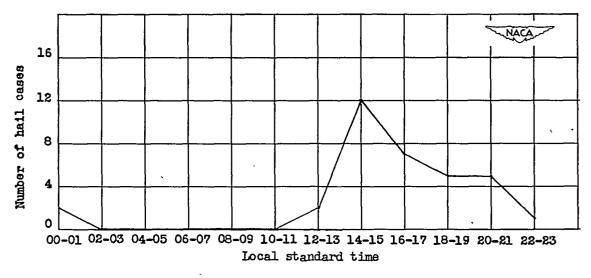


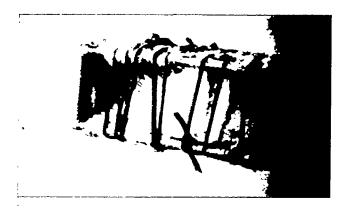
Figure 28.- Hourly distribution of hail damage to 34 aircraft over the United States.



Figure 29.- Hail-catcher installation on American Airlines Convair (Flagship Gamma). (From reference 44.)



Figure 30.- Small hail or graupel in the hail catcher obtained while flying through a thunderstorm at temperature just above freezing, 40 C. (The graupel observed on the surface did not damage subsequent hailstones that entered the cotton.) (From reference 44.)



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Figure 31.- Thin layer of packed ice in the hail catcher from snow particles, slush, and soft hail obtained while flying through a thunderstorm at temperature just below freezing,  $0^{\circ}$  to  $-5^{\circ}$  C. (From reference 44.)

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